By: Representatives Green (34th), Miles

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 458

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF FUEL TAXES DIVERTED INTO THE STATE AID ROAD FUND SHALL BE THE GREATER OF \$4,000,000.00 OR A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF SUCH TAXES COLLECTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 7

8 SECTION 1. Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 9 amended as follows:

10 [Until July 1, 2002, this section reads as follows:] 11 27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the 12 revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the

preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

14 (1) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month 15 thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under 16 17 the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on 18 19 business activities within a municipal corporation shall be 20 allocated for distribution to such municipality and paid to such municipal corporation. On or before August 15, 1993, and each 21 22 succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the 23 24 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that 25 collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal 26 27 corporation shall be allocated for distribution to such municipality and paid to such municipal corporation. 28

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A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal corporation under this subsection may be pledged as security for any loan received by the municipal corporation for the purpose of capital improvements as authorized under Section 57-1-303, or loans as authorized under Section 57-44-7, or water systems improvements as authorized under Section 41-3-16.

In any county having a county seat which is not an incorporated municipality, the distribution provided hereunder shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to such municipality shall be paid to the county treasury wherein the municipality is located and such funds shall be used for road, bridge and street construction or maintenance therein.

45 On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding (2) 46 month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter 47 during the preceding month One Million One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for 48 49 distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons 50 51 of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal 52 year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold 53 54 by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities 55 statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The State Tax Commission shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel 56 fuel to report to the commission monthly the total number of 57 58 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and 59 retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The 60 State Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as is necessary to determine the number of 61

62 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to 63 consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the 64 percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the 65 State Tax Commission may consider gallons of gasoline and diesel 66 fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the 67 purposes of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the 68 fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year. 69

(3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the 70 71 fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived from contractors' taxes 72 73 levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or 74 reconstruction of highways designated under the Four-Lane Highway 75 Program created under Section 65-3-97 shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used 76 77 to fund such Four-Lane Highway Program. The Mississippi 78 Department of Transportation shall provide to the State Tax Commission such information as is necessary to determine the 79 80 amount of proceeds to be distributed under this subsection.

On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the 81 (4) 82 fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as 83 provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars 84 85 (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund," 86 87 created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the 88 total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene 89 taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii), Four Million Dollars 90 91 (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to nineteen percent (19%) of 92 such funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," 93 94 created by Section 65-9-17. Such funds shall be pledged to pay

95 the principal of and interest on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in 96 97 substitution for the funds heretofore allocated to counties under this section. Such funds may not be pledged for the payment of 98 99 any state aid road bonds issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the pledging of any such funds for the payment 100 of bonds shall not apply to any bonds for which intent to issue 101 102 such bonds has been published, for the first time, as provided by law prior to March 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into 103 104 the special fund pursuant to this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be first deducted and paid the amount 105 106 necessary to pay the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the Legislature for all other 107 general and special fund agencies. The remainder of the fund 108 shall be allocated monthly to the several counties in accordance 109 110 with the following formula:

(a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares;

(b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state; and

(c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of the county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

The amount of funds allocated to any county under this subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be less than the amount allocated to such county for fiscal year 1994. Monies allocated to a county from the State Aid Road Fund

128 for fiscal year 1995 or any fiscal year thereafter that exceed the amount of funds year 1994, first must be expended by the county 129 130 for replacement or rehabilitation of bridges on the state aid road system that have a sufficiency rating of less than twenty-five 131 132 (25), according to National Bridge Inspection standards before 133 such monies may be approved for expenditure by the State Aid Road 134 Engineer on other projects that qualify for the use of state aid 135 road funds.

Any reference in the general laws of this state or the Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section 27-65-75.

140 (5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred 141 Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into 142 the special fund known as the "State Public School Building Fund" 143 created and existing under the provisions of Sections 37-47-1 144 through 37-47-67. Such payments into said fund are to be made on 145 the last day of each succeeding month hereafter.

(6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through
November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6 of Chapter 542, Laws
of 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the
Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6 of
Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

(7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) shall be deposited by the commission into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 37-61-35.

(8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month
thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent
(9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the

161 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that 162 collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) shall be 163 deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created pursuant to 164 Section 37-61-33.

(9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

(10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

174 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding 175 176 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the 177 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease 178 179 of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without 180 181 diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund 182 established in Section 27-51-105.

183 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to 184 the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the 185 186 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on 187 retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding 188 levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles, 189 shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad 190 191 Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before thefifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of

194 the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22, which is 195 derived from activities held on the Mississippi state fairgrounds 196 complex, shall be paid into a special fund hereby created in the 197 State Treasury and shall be expended pursuant to legislative 198 appropriations solely to defray the costs of repairs and 199 renovation at such Trade Mart and Coliseum.

(14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 which is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and which would otherwise be paid into the General Fund, shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created pursuant to Section 69-37-39.

207 (15) The remainder of the amounts collected under the 208 provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury 209 to the credit of the General Fund.

210 (16) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality which expands its limits, or of any community which 211 212 incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of such action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so 213 214 notify the commissioner shall cause such municipality to forfeit 215 the revenue which it would have been entitled to receive during 216 this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the 217 action. If any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any 218 municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the 219 taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the 220 error or overpayment with such municipality by withholding the 221 necessary funds from any subsequent payment to be made to the 222 municipality.

[From and after July 1, 2002, this section reads as follows:] 224 27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the 225 revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the 226 preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

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425 (16) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality which expands its limits, or of any community which 426 427 incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of such 428 action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so notify the commissioner shall cause such municipality to forfeit 429 430 the revenue which it would have been entitled to receive during 431 this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the 432 action. If any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the 433 434 taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the 435 error or overpayment with such municipality by withholding the 436 necessary funds from any subsequent payment to be made to the 437 municipality.

438 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 439 and after its passage.