

By: Representative Foster

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-27-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE FIVE-MILE RESTRICTION ON MUNICIPALLY-OWNED UTILITY
3 SYSTEMS PROVIDING SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF A
4 MUNICIPALITY; TO AMEND SECTION 21-27-40, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
5 IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 21-27-39. All municipalities owning or operating any system
11 or systems may supply consumers residing outside * * * of the
12 corporate limits of the municipality. * * *

13 SECTION 2. Section 21-27-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 21-27-40. (1) Any municipality having its own natural gas
16 transmission system in any county bordering the State of Alabama
17 in which U. S. Highway 78 and State Highway 25 intersect and in
18 which there is a publicly supported junior college * * *, in its
19 discretion, may enter into a contract for service with any natural
20 gas district organized under the laws of this state, any part of
21 which is located in that county. Such municipality may use such
22 contract in determining the amount of funds available for the
23 repayment of any bonds issued for this purpose in accordance with
24 law.

25 (2) The natural gas district may enter into a contract with
26 the municipality * * * for the construction of gas transmission
27 lines within such district and for supplying the customers within
28 such district.

29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 1999.