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To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO USE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
3 PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT FOR NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 47-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-1-19. (1) It shall be unlawful for any county offender
9 or offenders to be leased or hired to any individual or
10 corporation for any purpose whatsoever. Nor shall they be worked
11 under any contractor; but in working them on county farms, or on
12 the public roads or on any other work, which work must be of an
13 exclusively public character, they shall be under exclusive
14 official control and management.

15 (2) (a) It is lawful for a county or municipality to
16 authorize the use of county or municipal property or equipment and
17 to provide offenders for public service work for nonprofit
18 charitable organizations as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the
19 Internal Revenue Code if that nonprofit charitable organization
20 provides food to charities.

21 (b) The offenders participating in the public service
22 work under paragraph (a) shall remain under the exclusive control
23 and management of the county or municipality.

24 (c) An offender performing public service work under
25 this subsection shall be entitled to earned credits as provided
26 under this chapter.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

28 and after July 1, 1999.