

By: Representative Endt

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 984

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-15-118, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COUNTY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PAT HARRISON
3 WATERWAY DISTRICT, THAT DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT FROM EXISTING
4 FACILITIES AND THAT DOES NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT IN THE
5 FUTURE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 51-15-123,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON THE PAT
7 HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT EXPENDING, ON PUBLIC PARKS AND
8 RECREATION FACILITIES, MONIES WHICH WERE REQUIRED FROM MEMBER
9 COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 51-15-118, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 51-15-118. From and after July 1, 1999, the board of
14 supervisors of any county that is included in the Pat Harrison
15 Waterway District, that does not receive any benefit from existing
16 district facilities and that does not expect to receive any
17 benefit in the future may elect to withdraw such county from the
18 district. The withdrawing county shall be responsible for paying
19 its portion of any district bonds, contractual obligations, and
20 any other indebtedness and liabilities of the district that are
21 outstanding on the date of such county's withdrawal from the
22 district. The withdrawing county's portion of such liabilities,
23 obligations and indebtedness shall be determined through an
24 independent audit conducted by a certified public accountant. The
25 board of supervisors of the withdrawing county shall provide the
26 sum that is required by this section either by appropriation from
27 any available funds of the county or by levy. Such board of
28 supervisors may borrow funds as needed to satisfy the withdrawing
29 county's portion of the liabilities, obligations and indebtedness

30 of the district as required herein.

31 SECTION 2. Section 51-15-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
32 amended as follows:

33 51-15-123. * * * The Pat Harrison Waterway District is
34 authorized to establish or otherwise provide for public parks and
35 recreation facilities and for the preservation of fish and
36 wildlife, and to acquire land otherwise than by condemnation
37 except as provided in subsection (e) of Section 51-15-119 for such
38 purposes, within the project area.

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