

By: Representative Johnson

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1048

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2 TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A
3 BRIDGE ACROSS THE BIG BLACK RIVER CONNECTING WARREN AND HINDS
4 COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. The Mississippi Department of Transportation
7 shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing
8 a bridge across the Big Black River connecting Warren and Hinds
9 Counties, beginning at the Flowers exit on Interstate 20 and
10 extending southerly to U.S. Highway 80. Such study shall include
11 the estimated cost of construction, the projected vehicular
12 traffic count across such bridge, the date that preliminary
13 engineering and right-of-way acquisition may begin, the
14 approximate date of the letting of all contracts for such
15 construction, the approximate date of final completion of
16 construction, a comparative analysis of other locations in the
17 general vicinity suitable for the construction of a similar
18 bridge, and such other information and data as the department
19 deems helpful for determining the feasibility of such project. A
20 copy of the study shall be filed no later than January 1, 2000,
21 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary
22 of the Senate.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 1999.