

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and
Water Resources; Ways
and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1188

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2 AN ACT CODIFYING SECTION 51-11-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
3 TO AUTHORIZE ANY MEMBER COUNTY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PEARL RIVER
4 BASIN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE A WITHDRAWING COUNTY TO PAY
5 ITS PORTION OF BONDS, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, OTHER INDEBTEDNESS
6 AND LIABILITIES AND BUDGETED EXPENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
9 51-11-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 51-11-8. Beginning July 1, 2000, the board of supervisors of
11 any county that is included in the Pearl River Basin Development
12 District may elect to withdraw that county from the district by
13 notifying the district in writing before March 15 of the fiscal
14 year preceding the fiscal year in which the county proposes to
15 withdraw. The withdrawing county shall be responsible for paying
16 its portion of any district bonds, contractual obligations, and
17 any other indebtedness and liabilities of the district that are
18 outstanding on the date of the county's withdrawal from the
19 district and the withdrawing county's portion of budgeted
20 expenditures of the current fiscal year of the district. The
21 withdrawing county's portion of the liabilities, obligations and
22 indebtedness shall be determined through an independent audit
23 conducted by a certified public accountant mutually agreed upon
24 between the withdrawing county and the district. The board of
25 supervisors of the withdrawing county shall provide the sum that
26 is required by this section either by appropriation from any
27 available funds of the county or by levy. The board of
28 supervisors may borrow funds as needed to satisfy the withdrawing

29 county's portion of the liabilities, obligations, indebtedness and
30 expenses of the district as required by this section.

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