

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and
Water Resources; Ways
and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1188

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY MEMBER COUNTY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
3 PEARL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE A WITHDRAWING
4 COUNTY TO PAY ITS PORTION OF BONDS, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, AND
5 OTHER INDEBTEDNESS AND LIABILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 51-11-8. Beginning July 1, 1999, the board of supervisors of
10 any county that is included in the Pearl River Basin Development
11 District may elect to withdraw that county from the district. The
12 withdrawing county shall be responsible for paying its portion of
13 any district bonds, contractual obligations, and any other
14 indebtedness and liabilities of the district that are outstanding
15 on the date of the county's withdrawal from the district. The
16 withdrawing county's portion of the liabilities, obligations and
17 indebtedness shall be determined through an independent audit
18 conducted by a certified public accountant. The board of
19 supervisors of the withdrawing county shall provide the sum that
20 is required by this section either by appropriation from any
21 available funds of the county or by levy. The board of
22 supervisors may borrow funds as needed to satisfy the withdrawing
23 county's portion of the liabilities, obligations and indebtedness
24 of the district as required by this section.

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