

By: Representatives Horne, Smith (27th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1196
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
2 TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT TO FOUR LANES FOR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC A
3 CERTAIN PORTION OF OLD U.S. HIGHWAY 45 IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND
4 LAUDERDALE COUNTY AND A CERTAIN PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI 7 IN THE
5 CITY OF OXFORD AND LAFAYETTE COUNTY; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI
6 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN EXITS AT
7 CERTAIN POINTS ALONG MISSISSIPPI 25 IN LEAKE COUNTY; TO DESIGNATE
8 A CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF HIGHWAY IN LAWRENCE AND MARION
9 COUNTIES AS A PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO PLACE IT
10 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION
11 COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
12 TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF CONSTRUCTING A
13 CERTAIN FOUR-LANE CORRIDOR IN HARRISON COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED
14 PURPOSES.

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

16 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation
17 shall construct to department design standards, shall perform such
18 reconstruction as may be required to existing highways and shall
19 acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain proceedings such
20 property as may be necessary to provide four (4) lanes for traffic
21 on and along the following locations:

22 Central District - Lauderdale County:

23 Old U.S. Highway 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at
24 or near the old Coca Cola Company and extending
25 northerly approximately two (2) miles to the Town of
26 Marion.

27 Northern District - Lafayette County:

28 Mississippi 7 beginning at the south end of the current
29 Mississippi 7 bypass in the City of Oxford and extending
30 southerly to the intersection of Mississippi 7 and
31 Mississippi 9.

32 (2) The mileage of highway specifically designated in

33 subsection (1) of this section shall be under the jurisdiction of
34 the Mississippi Transportation Commission for construction and
35 maintenance and, together with the highways designated in Sections
36 65-3-3 and 65-3-5, and all other laws adding links to the state
37 designated highway system, are declared to be the state highway
38 system of Mississippi.

39 (3) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
40 construct and maintain appropriate exits in Leake County from
41 Mississippi 25 to the frontage road, which is Old Mississippi 25,
42 located east of the bridge on Mississippi 25 crossing Mississippi
43 35. Further, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
44 clearly identify these exits by erecting the proper signs showing
45 where the exits will take a motorist. This construction shall be
46 done as soon as possible.

47 SECTION 2. (1) The mileage of highway specifically
48 designated in subsection (2) of this section is in addition to the
49 total mileage limitation of eight thousand six hundred (8,600)
50 miles that is set out in Section 65-3-3.

51 (2) The following highway is designated as a state highway
52 and is placed under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi
53 Transportation Commission for construction and maintenance; and
54 such highway, together with the highways designated in Sections
55 65-3-3 and 65-3-5, and all other laws adding links to the
56 designated state highway system, are declared to be the state
57 highway system of Mississippi:

58 Southern District - Lawrence and Marion Counties:

59 An extension of Mississippi 44 beginning at its
60 intersection with Mississippi 27 in Lawrence County and
61 extending easterly across the Pearl River to Mississippi
62 13 in Marion County.

63 (3) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
64 maintain, construct, take over and assume jurisdiction of the
65 highway designated in subsection (1) of this section in the same

66 manner and upon the same terms and conditions as set out in
67 Sections 65-1-75, 65-3-3, 65-9-1 and 65-9-3.

68 SECTION 3. The Mississippi Department of Transportation
69 shall implement a study of the feasibility of constructing a
70 four-lane, east/west corridor in Harrison County from the Jackson
71 County line to the Harrison County line.

72 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 1999.