

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and
Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

1 AN ACT TO RESTRICT FUNDING OF CERTAIN PROJECTS UNDER THE
2 TIDELANDS PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
5 contrary, the Department of Marine Resources shall not consider
6 applications for funding under the Tidelands Program for projects
7 involving dredge or fill operations or other routine maintenance
8 activities, nor shall continuing or multi-year projects be
9 supported without substantive justification as to the specific
10 need for funding over more than a single year. The Merit Review
11 Committee is authorized to determine which projects meet
12 qualifications to be considered for funding under the Tidelands
13 Program.

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