

By: Representatives Foster, Barnett (92nd), To: Appropriations  
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Flaggs, Livingston, Maples, McCoy, McInnis

HOUSE BILL NO. 1609  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER  
3 SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out  
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available  
8 to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the purpose  
9 of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$

11 However, funds derived from the special tax levy authorized  
12 under the provisions of Section 51-9-139, Mississippi Code of  
13 1972, shall be expended only for principal of and interest on  
14 bonds and shoreline development.

15 SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the  
16 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below  
17 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
18 expenditure:

19 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

20 Personal Services:

21	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	2,565,261.00
22	Travel and Subsistence.....	24,000.00
23	Contractual Services.....	1,287,973.00
24	Commodities.....	510,000.00

25 Capital Outlay:

26	Other Than Equipment.....	2,150,000.00
27	Equipment.....	168,584.00

28           Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 648,000.00  
 29           Total..... \$       7,353,818.00

30   AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

31	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	76
32		Part Time. . . . .	12
33	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	0
34		Part Time. . . . .	0

35           From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal  
 36 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be  
 37 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the  
 38 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any  
 39 conditions placed on such expenditures:

40           (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
 41 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
 42 appropriated herein.

43           (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
 44 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
 45 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
 46 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
 47 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
 48 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
 49 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

50           (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
 51 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
 52 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
 53 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
 54 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
 55 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
 56 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
 57 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
 58 effective the date of the rating.

59           It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
 60 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
 61 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for

62 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
63 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

64 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
65 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

66 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
67 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
68 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
69 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

70 SECTION 3. Of the funds authorized and approved for  
71 expenditure herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that  
72 not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of all revenues obtained  
73 from the sale of timber on the Pearl River Valley Supply District  
74 property shall be used for the promotion and enhancement of  
75 wildlife on the Pearl River Valley Supply District property. The  
76 promotion and enhancement of wildlife and the expenditure of these  
77 funds shall be under the supervision of and at the discretion of  
78 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

79 SECTION 4. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except  
80 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which  
81 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,  
82 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the  
83 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent  
84 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills  
85 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

86 SECTION 5. The money herein approved for expenditure shall  
87 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer  
88 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with  
89 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

90 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
91 and after July 1, 1999.