

By: Representatives Foster, Barnett (92nd), To: Appropriations
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1609
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....	1,603,900.00
24	Commodities.....	510,000.00

25 Capital Outlay:

26	Other Than Equipment.....	2,150,000.00
27	Equipment.....	374,584.00

28 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 648,000.00
 29 Total..... \$ 7,875,745.00

30 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

31	Permanent:	Full Time.	78
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.