

By: Senator(s) Jackson, Jordan (18th)

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2333
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT KEMPER COUNTY MAY OPERATE A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL
3 FACILITY WITH NESHOPA COUNTY INSTEAD OF NOXUBEE COUNTY; TO PROVIDE
4 THAT YAZOO COUNTY MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL
5 FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT CHICKASAW COUNTY MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A
6 SITE FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT GEORGE AND GREENE
7 COUNTIES MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY; AND
8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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11 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
14 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
15 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by
16 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and
17 control of not more than two hundred fifty (250) offenders who are
18 in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or
19 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,
20 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
21 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all
22 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
23 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
24 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
25 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
26 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
27 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
28 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
29 Jefferson County.

30 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the

31 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state
32 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
33 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River
34 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
35 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which
36 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and
37 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
38 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards
39 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in
40 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county,
41 (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene Counties. The
42 Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of
43 the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract
44 for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this
45 subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the
46 local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found to be
47 of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or
48 reconstruction.

49 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after its passage.