

By: Senator(s) Blackmon

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2615

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT YAZOO COUNTY SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A  
3 250-BED FACILITY TO HOUSE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATES; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
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7 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its  
10 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or  
11 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by  
12 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and  
13 control of not more than two hundred fifty (250) offenders who are  
14 in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or  
15 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,  
16 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American  
17 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all  
18 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of  
19 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter  
20 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections  
21 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders  
22 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,  
23 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey  
24 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in  
25 Jefferson County.

26 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the  
27 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state  
28 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;

29 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River  
30 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Noxubee  
31 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which  
32 there is located an unapproved jail; \* \* \* (g) Bolivar County and  
33 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail  
34 and (h) Yazoo County. The Department of Corrections shall decide  
35 the order of priority of the counties listed in this subsection  
36 with which it will contract for the housing of state inmates. For  
37 the purposes of this subsection the term "unapproved jail" means  
38 any jail that the local grand jury determines should be condemned  
39 or has found to be of substandard condition or in need of  
40 substantial repair or reconstruction.

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