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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2838
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO ANNUALLY PAY TO THE COUNTIES
2 IN WHICH THE PASCAGOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IS LOCATED A
3 CERTAIN AMOUNT IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES; TO PROVIDE THE MANNER
4 IN WHICH THE PAYMENT SHALL BE DETERMINED; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) The State of Mississippi shall annually pay
8 to each county in which the Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area is
9 located, Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre for each acre of land in
10 such a county that is located within the Pascagoula River Wildlife
11 Management Area in excess of ten thousand (10,000) acres. This
12 payment shall be in lieu of the ad valorem taxes that would have
13 otherwise been paid on such property if it were privately owned.

14 (2) The amount of the payment that each county will receive
15 shall be determined by the State Tax Commission based on
16 documentation provided by the county tax assessors under
17 guidelines established by the State Tax Commission.

18 (3) Payments received by a county pursuant to this section
19 may be utilized in the same manner as ad valorem tax receipts.
20 Payments received pursuant to this section by the counties shall
21 not be included or considered as proceeds of ad valorem taxes for
22 the purpose of the statutory growth limitations on ad valorem
23 taxes.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after January 1, 2000.