

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Economic Dev, Tourism
and ParksSENATE BILL NO. 2856
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI TECHNOLOGY, INC., LIAISON
2 COMMITTEE TO BE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THREE
3 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH
4 COMMITTEE ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
5 MISSISSIPPI TECHNOLOGY, INC., TO SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN
6 MISSISSIPPI TECHNOLOGY, INC., AND THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives shall each appoint three (3) members
11 of their respective legislative houses to serve as members of the
12 Mississippi Technology, Inc., Liaison Committee. The members of
13 such committee shall be entitled (a) to attend meetings of the
14 Mississippi Technology, Inc., Board of Directors, (b) to receive
15 all budgets, reports, audits and all financial and other
16 information distributed to the directors of Mississippi
17 Technology, Inc., (c) to meet and confer with the directors and
18 staff of Mississippi Technology, Inc., and (d) to perform such
19 other activities as may be necessary or proper in discharging
20 their responsibilities of liaison with their respective houses of
21 the Legislature. The members of the liaison committee shall have
22 no jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of
23 Mississippi Technology, Inc. The members of the committee shall
24 prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislature no later
25 than December 15 of each calendar year setting forth the
26 activities and financial condition of Mississippi Technology,
27 Inc., and their perspective and comments on the activities of
28 Mississippi Technology, Inc. The report shall also contain

29 recommendations regarding policy or legislative changes for
30 consideration by the Legislature. The members of the Mississippi
31 Technology, Inc., Liaison Committee shall be bound by the same
32 limitations as to confidentiality of information regarding
33 products, processes or the internal affairs of private businesses,
34 as are imposed upon the officers and directors of Mississippi
35 Technology, Inc. When the Legislature is not in session, members
36 shall be paid per diem and all actual and necessary expenses,
37 including mileage expenses, from their respective contingent
38 expense funds at the rate authorized for committee meetings when
39 the Legislature is not in session; however, no per diem and
40 expenses will be paid when the Legislature is in session. The
41 terms of the members of the liaison committee shall expire at the
42 end of their terms of office.

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