

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2936
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF THE HISTORIC SHAIFER
2 HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING LAND LOCATED ON THE PORT GIBSON BATTLEFIELD
3 FROM THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION TO THE
4 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY; TO AUTHORIZE THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THE
6 HISTORIC SHAIFER HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING LAND; TO AUTHORIZE THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE
8 AGREEMENTS WITH ENTITIES INTERESTED IN THE PRESERVATION AND
9 DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHAIFER HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING LAND; AND FOR
10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 SECTION 1. The Department of Finance and Administration, on
13 behalf of the State of Mississippi, may convey all right, title
14 and interest in certain state-owned real property located in
15 Claiborne County, Mississippi, to the State of Mississippi, for
16 the use and benefit of the Mississippi Department of Archives and
17 History, the property being known as the historic Shaifer House
18 and accompanying land located on the Port Gibson Battlefield, and
19 being more particularly described as follows:

20 Tract No. 1: That certain tract of land known
21 as the old Shaifer house tract; for survey,
22 begin at point on the southerly side of the
23 public road, where it is intersected by the
24 line between Parcels 1 and 2 of the partition
25 of the Shaifer Estate property as described in
26 partition deed executed by us and now recorded
27 Book 10-B, page 177 of the land records of
28 said county, and which partition deed together
29 with the plat recorded therewith is here
30 referred to for full description of the
31 location of said starting point, and run

32 thence in a northeasterly direction along said
33 old Port Gibson and Rodney public road, 1307
34 feet to point where said road is intersected
35 on its North side by a fence, and which point
36 is point of beginning for survey of this tract
37 (and which point is further located as being
38 North 88° 45' East 1434.67 feet from the most
39 eastern corner of Section 16, Township 11
40 North, Range 2 East). From said point of
41 beginning run thence along fence, North 35°
42 West 134 feet; thence continue along fence,
43 South 35° West 15 feet, South 86° West 16 feet
44 to fence corner; thence along another fence,
45 North 40° West 191 feet to fence corner;
46 thence along another fence, North 40° East 160
47 feet; thence continue along fence, North 64°
48 East 217 feet to point on private farm road;
49 thence along said road, South 31° 45' East 372
50 feet to point where the same forks; thence
51 along the fork going southwesterly 100 feet to
52 old Port Gibson and Rodney public/road; thence
53 along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public
54 road, in a southwesterly direction, 225 feet
55 to point of beginning. Said tract contains
56 3.0 acres, more or less, and lies in Section
57 Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North, Range
58 Two (2) East. Said land is the same as is
59 fully described in Section V of said above
60 mentioned partition deed executed by the
61 grantors, now recorded Book 10-B, page 177 of
62 the deed records of said Claiborne County,
63 which is here referred to in aid of
64 description and for all purposes. All of the
65 above is in accordance with survey made by
66 R.D. Wade, Jr., and copy of plat of his survey
67 is attached hereto and made a part hereof by
68 reference.

69 Tract No. 2: That certain tract of land being
70 the site of the old Magnolia Church; to arrive
71 at point of beginning for survey of this
72 tract, begin at the most eastern corner of
73 Section Sixteen (16), Township Eleven (11)
74 North, Range Two (2) East, and run thence
75 South 74° 34' East 2,917.7 feet to stake on
76 South side of public road, and run thence
77 South 84° 45' East 49 feet to fence corner
78 on South side of said road, which is point of
79 beginning for survey of this tract; and which
80 point is also the point where the East line of
81 Parcel 2 in the partition of the Shaifer
82 Estate property as described in partition deed
83 executed by us and now recorded Book 10-B,
84 page 177 of the land records of said Claiborne
85 County, intersects said public road, and which
86 partition deed, together with plat recorded
87 therewith, is here referred to in aid of
88 description of location of said starting
89 point. From said point of beginning, continue
90 thence along road, South 84° 45' East 282.04
91 feet to stake in fence and property line;
92 thence along fence and property line, South
93 46° West 396 feet to stake in fence corner;
94 thence along fence (which is the East line of
95 Parcel 2 of the partition above referred
96 to), North 17 East 109 feet, North 16°
97 East
98 69 feet, North 2°, West 52 feet and North 16°
99 West 78 feet to point of beginning. Said tract
100 contains 1.29 acres, more or less, and lies in
101 Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North,

102 Range Two (2) East.

103 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join
104 in this conveyance for all purposes.

105 SECTION 2. The Mississippi Department of Archives and
106 History is authorized to secure, preserve, restore, develop,
107 interpret, operate and maintain the historic Shaifer House and
108 accompanying land located on the Port Gibson Battlefield, subject
109 to the appropriation of adequate funds by the Legislature.

110 SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi
111 Department of Archives and History is authorized to enter into
112 cooperative agreements with the National Park Service, state and
113 local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and any
114 other groups, organizations or individuals that may be interested
115 in the preservation and development of the Shaifer House and
116 accompanying land and the Port Gibson Battlefield.

117 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
118 and after its passage.