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## SENATE BILL NO. 3007

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-15-118, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COUNTY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PAT HARRISON  
3 WATERWAY DISTRICT, THAT DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT FROM EXISTING  
4 FACILITIES AND THAT DOES NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT IN THE  
5 FUTURE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 51-15-123,  
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON THE PAT  
7 HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT EXPENDING, ON PUBLIC PARKS AND  
8 RECREATION FACILITIES, MONIES WHICH WERE REQUIRED FROM MEMBER  
9 COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 51-15-118, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
12 amended as follows:

13 51-15-118. From and after July 1, 1999, the board of  
14 supervisors of any county that is included in the Pat Harrison  
15 Waterway District, that does not receive any benefit from existing  
16 district facilities and that does not expect to receive any  
17 benefit in the future may elect to withdraw such county from the  
18 district. The withdrawing county shall be responsible for paying  
19 its portion of any district bonds, contractual obligations, and  
20 any other indebtedness and liabilities of the district that are  
21 outstanding on the date of such county's withdrawal from the  
22 district. The withdrawing county's portion of such liabilities,  
23 obligations and indebtedness shall be determined through an  
24 independent audit conducted by a certified public accountant. The  
25 board of supervisors of the withdrawing county shall provide the  
26 sum that is required by this section either by appropriation from  
27 any available funds of the county or by levy. Such board of  
28 supervisors may borrow funds as needed to satisfy the withdrawing  
29 county's portion of the liabilities, obligations and indebtedness

30 of the district as required herein.

31 SECTION 2. Section 51-15-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33 51-15-123. \* \* \* The Pat Harrison Waterway District is  
34 authorized to establish or otherwise provide for public parks and  
35 recreation facilities and for the preservation of fish and  
36 wildlife, and to acquire land otherwise than by condemnation  
37 except as provided in subsection (e) of Section 51-15-119 for such  
38 purposes, within the project area.

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40 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after July 1, 1999.