

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 3180

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-2-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO PROVIDE FUNDS  
3 FOR THE EMERGING CROPS FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 69-2-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 69-2-19. The State Department of Economic and Community  
8 Development is authorized, at one time or from time to time, to  
9 declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of negotiable  
10 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide  
11 funds for the Emerging Crops Fund established in Section 69-2-13.  
12 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the board, declaring the  
13 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general  
14 obligation bonds authorized by Sections 69-2-19 through 69-2-39,  
15 the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or  
16 resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of same,  
17 the State Bond Commission, in its discretion, shall act as the  
18 issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and  
19 accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold,  
20 and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in  
21 connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The amount  
22 of bonds issued under Sections 69-2-19 through 69-2-39 shall not  
23 exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00)  
24 in the aggregate. No bonds may be issued under Sections 69-2-19  
25 through 69-2-39 after October 1, 2003.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

27 and after July 1, 1999.