

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3207

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION  
2 BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
3 TO THE STATE DATA CENTER OPERATED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words shall  
7 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly  
8 requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date  
10 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
11 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
12 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
13 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
14 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
15 maturity.

16 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18 SECTION 2. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the  
19 "1999 Department of Information Technology Services Capital  
20 Improvement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund  
21 shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and  
22 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the  
23 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a  
24 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any  
25 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund  
26 shall be deposited into such fund.

27 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,  
28 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration,

29 for the purpose of providing funds for renovation, repair,  
30 restoration, modernization additions to, furnishing and/or  
31 equipping the State Data Center located in the Robert E. Lee State  
32 Office Building and operated by the Mississippi Department of  
33 Information Technology Services.

34 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be  
35 disbursed to pay the costs of the project described in subsection  
36 (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified,  
37 by resolution duly adopted, that the project described in  
38 subsection (1) shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be  
39 completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such  
40 special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds  
41 issued under this act, in accordance with the proceedings  
42 authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the  
43 commission.

44 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration is  
45 expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local  
46 or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds  
47 provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited  
48 into the special fund shall be under the direction of the  
49 Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be  
50 paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such  
51 department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions  
52 signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and  
53 Administration or his designee.

54 SECTION 3. (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to  
55 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of  
56 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide  
57 funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes  
58 described in Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a  
59 resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
60 declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the  
61 general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the  
62 Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified

63 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon  
64 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may  
65 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds,  
66 advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so  
67 authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary  
68 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such  
69 bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this act shall not  
70 exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

71 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the  
72 special fund created in Section 2 of this act shall be used to pay  
73 debt service on bonds issued under this act, in accordance with  
74 the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

75 SECTION 4. The principal of and interest on the bonds  
76 authorized under this act shall be payable in the manner provided  
77 in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in  
78 such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or  
79 rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,  
80 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places  
81 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature  
82 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)  
83 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such  
84 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall  
85 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in  
86 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the  
87 commission.

88 SECTION 5. The bonds authorized by this act shall be signed  
89 by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature,  
90 and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,  
91 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons,  
92 if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the  
93 facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds  
94 shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the  
95 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may  
96 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of

97 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such  
98 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds  
99 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all  
100 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially  
101 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to  
102 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may  
103 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,  
104 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of  
105 the State of Mississippi.

106 SECTION 6. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
107 provisions of this act have all the qualities and incidents of  
108 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Mississippi  
109 Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by  
110 this act, the commission shall not be required to and need not  
111 comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Uniform Commercial  
112 Code.

113 SECTION 7. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
114 the bonds authorized under this act, prescribe the form of the  
115 bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so  
116 authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such  
117 issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and  
118 advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds.

119 The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that  
120 are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds  
121 authorized under this act from the proceeds derived from the sale  
122 of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed  
123 bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be  
124 for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such  
125 sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest  
126 to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All  
127 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable  
128 semiannually or annually; however, the first interest payment may  
129 be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

130 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at

131 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
132 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
133 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
134 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
135 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
136 commission.

137 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
138 this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of  
139 Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the  
140 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or  
141 dates named therein.

142 SECTION 8. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
143 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the  
144 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of  
145 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by  
146 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the  
147 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency  
148 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State  
149 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain  
150 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of  
151 this section.

152 SECTION 9. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
153 provisions of this act, the commission shall transfer the proceeds  
154 of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in Section 2  
155 of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely  
156 upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration  
157 under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the  
158 resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

159 SECTION 10. The bonds authorized under this act may be  
160 issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other  
161 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and  
162 things which are specified or required by this act. Any  
163 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the  
164 provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its

165 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
166 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
167 of its members.

168 SECTION 11. The bonds authorized under the authority of this  
169 act may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial  
170 District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the  
171 force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi  
172 Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school  
173 district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by  
174 such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or  
175 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

176 SECTION 12. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
177 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto  
178 may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or  
179 other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted  
180 under this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and  
181 compel performance of all duties required by this act to be  
182 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and  
183 interest thereon.

184 SECTION 13. All bonds issued under the provisions of this  
185 act shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries,  
186 and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies  
187 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such  
188 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and  
189 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state  
190 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose  
191 of securing the deposit of public funds.

192 SECTION 14. Bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
193 and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the  
194 State of Mississippi.

195 SECTION 15. The proceeds of the bonds issued under this act  
196 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including  
197 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

198 SECTION 16. The State Treasurer is authorized, without

199 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
200 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
201 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
202 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
203 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
204 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this act; and the State  
205 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated  
206 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to  
207 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates  
208 thereof.

209 SECTION 17. This act shall be deemed to be full and complete  
210 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this  
211 act shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any  
212 existing law of this state.

213 SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
214 and after its passage.