By: Senator(s) Hewes, Woodfield, Gollott, To: Rules Cuevas, Moffatt, Robertson

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4 (As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38, 1998 REGULAR 2 SESSION TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COASTAL STREAMS WATER

3 BASIN DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE SENATORS WHO

4 REPRESENT STONE, PEARL RIVER AND GEORGE COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED

5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

7 That Senate Resolution No. 38, 1998 Regular Session is amended as

8 follows:

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9 A special study committee is created to make a comprehensive

10 study of the need for establishing a coastal streams water basin

11 district to provide for the conservation and beneficial use of

12 surface waters in the gulf coast region. The committee shall be

composed of six (6) members of the Senate who represent the three

14 (3) Mississippi Gulf Coast Counties and three (3) members of the

15 <u>Senate who represent Stone, Pearl River and George Counties</u> to be

16 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and the Chairman of the

17 Senate Ports and Marine Resources Committee who shall serve as

18 chairman of the committee.

19 Within fifteen (15) days after sine die adjournment of the

20 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor

21 shall appoint the members of the committee. After the members are

22 appointed, the committee shall meet on a date designated by the

23 chairman of the committee at the New Capitol, to organize the

24 committee and establish rules for transacting its business and

25 keeping records. A majority of the members of the committee shall

26 constitute a quorum at all committee meetings. An affirmative

27 vote of a majority of the members present and voting shall be

- 28 required in the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in
- 29 any other actions taken by the committee. All members of the
- 30 committee shall be notified in writing of all regular and special
- 31 meetings of the committee, which notices shall be mailed at least
- 32 five (5) days before the dates of the meetings.
- 33 The committee may establish any subcommittees that it deems
- 34 desirable to study and report to the committee with respect to any
- 35 matter that is within the scope of this resolution.
- 36 The committee shall make a written report of its findings and
- 37 recommendations, and shall mail copies of the report to each
- 38 member of the Senate not later than December 1, 1999.
- In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the
- 40 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
- 41 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state,
- 42 including the state universities and the community and junior
- 43 colleges.
- 44 For attending meetings of the committee, each member shall be
- 45 paid, from the Senate contingent expense fund per diem
- 46 compensation in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69,
- 47 Mississippi Code of 1972, and a mileage allowance and an expense
- 48 allowance in the amount authorized by Section 5-1-47, Mississippi
- 49 Code of 1972. However, no per diem compensation, mileage
- 50 allowance or expense allowance shall be paid for attending
- 51 meetings of the committee while the Legislature is in session, and
- 52 no per diem compensation, mileage allowance or expense allowance
- 53 shall be paid without prior approval of the Senate Management
- 54 Committee.
- All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the committee shall
- 56 be paid from funds made available by the Senate Management
- 57 Committee from the Senate Contingent Expense Fund, from any funds
- 58 appropriated for the purpose of this resolution, and from any
- 59 grants or contributions made to the committee for its purpose.