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**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill NO. 2936**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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

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

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

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65 description and for all purposes. All of the  
66 above is in accordance with survey made by  
67 R.D. Wade, Jr., and copy of plat of his survey  
68 is attached hereto and made a part hereof by  
69 reference.

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

97 to), North 17 East 109 feet, North 16°  
98 East  
99 69 feet, North 2°, West 52 feet and North 16°  
100 West 78 feet to point of beginning. Said tract  
101 contains 1.29 acres, more or less, and lies in  
102 Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North,  
103 Range Two(2) East.

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

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

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

118 SECTION 4. Section 55-15-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
119 amended as follows:

120 55-15-25. Said commission is authorized, empowered and  
121 directed to make careful study and examination of the battlefields  
122 of the Grand Gulf Military Area, located in Claiborne County,  
123 Mississippi; to make all necessary surveys in preparation to the  
124 acquisition of the Grand Gulf Military Area; to identify and  
125 establish the battle lines, maneuvers and positions; and to  
126 designate such historic, memorable areas with markers, monuments  
127 or other suitable means of identification.

128 Said commission is hereby authorized to receive any

129 contributions in money, property of any kind, or donations of land  
130 that might be made by patriotic citizens to carry out the objects  
131 and purposes of Sections 55-15-21 to 55-15-31; to acquire options  
132 or titles to parts or all of said Grand Gulf Military Area and to  
133 exercise the right of eminent domain in acquiring said lands in  
134 the manner now provided by law; and to hold same in the name and  
135 for the benefit of the State of Mississippi, all to the end that  
136 the Grand Gulf Military Area may be ultimately established and  
137 permanently maintained and operated as an historical park.  
138 Certain property held by the State of Mississippi for the use and  
139 benefit of the commission may be conveyed as provided under  
140 Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2936, 1999 Regular Session.

141 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
142 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF THE HISTORIC SHAIFFER  
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 SHAIFFER 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 SHAIFFER HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING LAND; TO AMEND  
10 SECTION 55-15-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE  
11 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.