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To: Local and Private  
Legislation;  
Conservation and  
Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1247

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAZOO COUNTY,  
2 MISSISSIPPI, TO CONSTRUCT A DAM OR LOW-WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE AT  
3 THE OUTLET OF LAKE GEORGE INTO THE SUNFLOWER RIVER IN YAZOO  
4 COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. It is determined and declared for the benefit of  
7 the citizens of Yazoo County, Mississippi, and the surrounding  
8 area to construct a dam or other low-water control structure and  
9 appurtenances at the outlet of Lake George into the Sunflower  
10 River in Yazoo County in order to enhance development,  
11 conservation and preservation of fishing, recreational  
12 opportunities and natural resources in this area.

13 SECTION 2. (1) The Board of Supervisors of Yazoo County,  
14 Mississippi, may construct a dam or other low-water control  
15 structure and appurtenances and may request and obtain necessary  
16 assistance and input from, and coordinate the activities of, state  
17 and federal agencies and landowners for the purpose of carrying  
18 out and implementing necessary planning, permitting and funding  
19 requirements for the construction of a dam or other low-water  
20 control structure and appurtenances at the outlet of Lake George  
21 into the Sunflower River in Yazoo County.

22 (2) The authority provided by this act shall include  
23 authorization to enter into a project cooperation agreement with  
24 the Department of the Army and serve as a nonfederal sponsor for  
25 the project and authorization to apply for, accept as a gift, or  
26 receive through interagency agreement or interlocal cooperation  
27 funds, technical assistance, in-kind assistance, real estate or

28 leasehold interests as may be necessary and appropriate to  
29 construct the dam or other low-water control structure and  
30 appurtenances. The Board of Supervisors of Yazoo County,  
31 Mississippi, may acquire in its name through direct purchase or  
32 eminent domain procedures and make available to the Department of  
33 the Army all lands, easements and rights-of-way required for the  
34 construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of the  
35 project, including those required for any and all utility  
36 relocations, borrow materials and dredged or excavated material  
37 disposal.

38 (3) The board, after the construction of such a dam or other  
39 low-water control structure and appurtenances is complete, may  
40 operate, maintain, repair, replace or rehabilitate structures as  
41 necessary.

42 (4) The Board of Supervisors of Yazoo County, Mississippi,  
43 shall perform all relocation assistance as required under the  
44 provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property  
45 Acquisitions Policy Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, as amended by  
46 Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation  
47 Assistance Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-17) for all tracts acquired  
48 for the project by direct purchase or through eminent domain  
49 actions.

50 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
51 and after its passage.