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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.