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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1556

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE  
3 HISTORIC PROPERTIES TRUST FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SIGNIFICANT  
4 CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS OR SITES IN MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL  
5 YEARS 2000 AND 2001.

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

7 SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums previously  
8 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be  
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
10 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and  
11 History, to be deposited in the Historic properties Trust Fund  
12 (Fund No. 3476) in the State Treasury for the period beginning  
13 upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2001.....  
14 .....\$2,800,000.00.

15 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of matching  
16 funds for acquisition of nationally significant battlefields under  
17 Section 131 of the federal fiscal year 1999 Interior and Related  
18 Agencies Appropriations Act. These funds shall be used by the  
19 Department of Archives and History to assist counties,  
20 municipalities and Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)  
21 tax-exempt nonprofit organizations in acquiring significant Civil  
22 War battlefield sites through the acquisition of fee simple title  
23 or perpetual preservation easements, or in retiring the debt  
24 incurred in purchasing those properties. Any remaining funds may  
25 be used by the Department of Archives and History for the  
26 preservation of Civil War properties within the state upon the  
27 recommendation of the Mississippi Civil War Battlefield

28 Commission.

29       The Department of Archives and History may accept and expend  
30 any grant, donation or contribution from any individual, public or  
31 private organization or governmental entity for the project  
32 authorized in this act. Such grants, donations or contributions  
33 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of  
34 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner  
35 consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

36       SECTION 2. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
37 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund in the  
38 State Treasury upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer,  
39 and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon  
40 requisitions signed by the property person officer or officers in  
41 the manner provided by law.

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