By: Ellington

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1602

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6, CHAPTER 521, LAWS OF 1995, TO 2 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING 4 LOAN FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 6 SECTION 1. Section 6, Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, is amended 7 as follows:

Section 6. The board created in Section 1 of this act, at 8 one time or from time to time, may declare by resolution the 9 10 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be 11 12 incurred by the board in constructing new water systems or repairing existing water systems described in Section 1 of this 13 act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the board, declaring 14 15 the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the board shall 16 17 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the State 18 Bond Commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, 19 20 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, 21 issue and sell the tax exempt or taxable bonds so authorized to be 22 sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The amount 23 24 of bonds issued under Sections 6 through 20 of this act shall not 25 exceed <u>Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00)</u>, the proceeds 26 of which shall be deposited in the revolving fund and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be deposited 27

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- 28 in the emergency fund.
- 29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 30 and after July 1, 2000.