AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MAKING AND ACCEPTING OF CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND
FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified in Chapter 15,
Title 23, Mississippi Code of 1972:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any Transportation
Commissioner, any candidate for Transportation Commissioner, or
any employee of the Department of Transportation to knowingly
accept any gift, pass, money, campaign contribution or any
emolument or other pecuniary benefit whatsoever, either directly
or indirectly, from any person acting in any respect for such
owner, agent or representative of any owner, agent or
representative, in the business of contracting or subcontracting
to build or maintain roads or in the business of the manufacture,
sale, distribution or purchase of any kind of road building
machinery or equipment, or of any kind of material for
constructing or maintaining roads, or in the business of writing
surety bonds for contractors engaged in road building. Any person
found guilty of violating the provisions of this subsection shall
immediately forfeit his or her office or position and shall be
fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or
imprisoned in the State Penitentiary for not less than one (1)
year nor more than three (3) years, or both.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person interested as owner,
agent or representative, or any person acting in any respect for
such owner, agent or representative of any person or entity in the
business of contracting or subcontracting to build or maintain
roads or in the business of the manufacture, sale, distribution or
purchase of any kind of road building machinery or equipment, or
of any kind of material for constructing or maintaining roads, or
in the business of writing surety bonds for contractors engaged in
road building. Any person found guilty of violating the
provisions of this subsection shall be fined not less than Five
Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or imprisoned in the State
Penitentiary for not less than one (1) year or more than three (3)
years, or both.

(3) For the purposes of this section the term "emolument"
shall include salary, donations, contributions, loans, stock tips,
vacations, trips, honorarium, directorships or consulting posts.
Expenses associated with social occasions afforded public servants
shall not be deemed a gift, emolument or other pecuniary benefit
as defined in Section 25-4-103(k).

SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
extended.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.