MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2001
By: Representative Flaggs
To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING A STATE
MOTOR VEHICLE POOL AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON TO THE
LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is created a special committee to
study the feasibility of establishing and operating a state motor
vehicle pool. The committee shall make a report of its findings
and recommendations to the Legislature by filing a copy of its
report with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the
Secretary of the Senate not later than August 31, 2001. Upon the
filing of its report the committee shall be dissolved.

(2) The committee shall be composed of the following eleven
members:

(a) Four (4) members of the Mississippi House of
Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(b) Four (4) members of the Mississippi Senate
appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(c) The Chairman of the House Transportation Committee;

(d) The Chairman of the Senate Highways and
Transportation Committee; and

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
the effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days
thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the
House and the Lieutenant Governor, the committee shall meet and
organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice
chairman. The vice chairman also shall serve as secretary and
shall be responsible for keeping all records of the committee. A
majority of the members of the committee will constitute a quorum.
In the selection of its officers and the adoption of rules,
resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the
committee is required. All members must be notified in writing of
all meetings, such notices to be mailed at least fifteen (15) days
before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

(4) The committee shall study and make recommendations
regarding the feasibility of establishing and operating a state
motor vehicle pool which will serve as the single source for
obtaining state owned or leased vehicles used by state officials
and employees in the performance of their official duties.

(5) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and
Administration may not be compensated for serving as a member of
the committee, but shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section
25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the
performance of his committee duties. Legislative members of the
committee shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their
respective houses in the same manner as provided for committee
meetings when the Legislature is not in session. However, per
diem or expense for attending meetings of the committee may not be
paid while the Legislature is in session. A committee member may
not incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless previously
authorized by vote, at a meeting of the committee, which action
must be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

(6) The committee may use clerical and legal staff already
employed by the Legislature and any other staff assistance made
available to it. To effectuate the purpose of this section, any
department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
state or of any political subdivision thereof, at the request of
the chairman of the committee, must provide to the committee such
facilities, assistance and data as will enable the committee
properly to carry out its duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.