

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) The Chairman of the House Transportation Committee;

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

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

24 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
25 the effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days  
26 thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the  
27 House and the Lieutenant Governor, the committee shall meet and  
28 organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice



29 chairman. The vice chairman also shall serve as secretary and  
30 shall be responsible for keeping all records of the committee. A  
31 majority of the members of the committee will constitute a quorum.  
32 In the selection of its officers and the adoption of rules,  
33 resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
34 committee is required. All members must be notified in writing of  
35 all meetings, such notices to be mailed at least fifteen (15) days  
36 before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

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

42 (5) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and  
43 Administration may not be compensated for serving as a member of  
44 the committee, but shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section  
45 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the  
46 performance of his committee duties. Legislative members of the  
47 committee shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their  
48 respective houses in the same manner as provided for committee  
49 meetings when the Legislature is not in session. However, per  
50 diem or expense for attending meetings of the committee may not be  
51 paid while the Legislature is in session. A committee member may  
52 not incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless previously  
53 authorized by vote, at a meeting of the committee, which action  
54 must be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

55 (6) The committee may use clerical and legal staff already  
56 employed by the Legislature and any other staff assistance made  
57 available to it. To effectuate the purpose of this section, any  
58 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the  
59 state or of any political subdivision thereof, at the request of  
60 the chairman of the committee, must provide to the committee such



61 facilities, assistance and data as will enable the committee  
62 properly to carry out its duties.

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

