

By: Representative Ellis

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 680

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO USE COUNTY
2 PRISON LABOR TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN CEMETERIES; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) Any sheriff or his designee may use any
6 person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony and who is
7 serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to
8 clear, clean, stabilize, preserve, maintain and restore historic
9 cemeteries that have been entered in the National Register of
10 Historic Places or that have been designated as a historically
11 significant abandoned cemetery by the board of trustees of the
12 Department of Archives and History under the provision of Section
13 39-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972.

14 (2) Prior to undertaking work on a cemetery, the sheriff or
15 his designee shall contact the Department of Archives and History
16 for instructions on the appropriate manner of preservation and
17 restoration of a historical cemetery.

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

