By: Representative Young

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 800

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-33-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX LOSSES SUSTAINED BY MUNICIPALITIES WITH A
 POPULATION OF 5,000 OR LESS AS A RESULT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND
 THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
 OR WHO ARE TOTALLY DISABLED, SHALL BE REIMBURSED UP TO THE AMOUNT
 OF THE ACTUAL EXEMPTION ALLOWED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-33-79,
 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED
 PURPOSES.
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- SECTION 1. Section 27-33-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 11 amended as follows:
- 12 27-33-77. Beginning with the 1985 supplemental roll, and for
- 13 each succeeding year's roll thereafter, the amount of tax loss to
- 14 be reimbursed because of exemptions provided for in this article
- 15 shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) each for county taxes exempted and
- school taxes exempted for a total of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
- 17 per applicant qualifying for homestead exemption under this
- 18 article.
- 19 The reimbursement received by the county shall be distributed
- 20 by the county treasurer to the general fund. Such reimbursement
- 21 may be pledged as security for any loan received by the county for
- 22 the purpose of capital improvements as authorized under Section
- 23 57-1-303, or for the purpose of loans as authorized under Section
- 24 17-24-7, or for the purpose of water systems improvements as
- 25 authorized under Section 41-3-16.
- * * * Tax losses sustained by municipalities because of
- 27 exemptions granted to homeowners described in subsection (2) of
- 28 Section 27-33-67, shall be reimbursed up to the amount of the
- 29 actual exemption allowed, not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars
- 30 (\$200.00) per qualified applicant. However, beginning with the

- 31 2002 supplemental roll, and for each succeeding year's roll
- 32 thereafter, tax losses sustained by a municipality, with a
- 33 population of five thousand (5,000) or less according to the
- 34 latest federal decennial census, because of exemptions provided
- 35 for in this article shall be reimbursed up to the amount of the
- 36 actual exemption allowed.
- 37 SECTION 2. Section 27-33-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 38 amended as follows:
- 39 27-33-79. Notwithstanding the limitation imposed on
- 40 reimbursement of tax losses in Section 27-33-77, no taxing unit
- 41 shall be reimbursed more than one hundred six percent (106%) or
- 42 less than the amount of the reimbursement made to the same taxing
- 43 unit, for the next preceding year, unless such reimbursement is
- 44 reduced as a result of a reduction in approved homestead
- 45 applicants; however, for the 1986 calendar year, no taxing unit
- 46 shall be reimbursed less than the amount of the reimbursement made
- 47 to the same taxing unit for the 1985 calendar year. However,
- 48 beginning with the 2002 supplemental roll, and for each succeeding
- 49 year's roll thereafter, the limitation on reimbursement of tax
- 50 losses imposed in this section shall not apply to municipalities
- 51 with a population of five thousand (5,000) or less according to
- 52 the latest federal decennial census.
- 53 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 54 and after January 1, 2001.