

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 818

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXTEND THE DATE THAT THE STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION
3 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN IS DUE TO BE DEVELOPED AND
4 PREPARED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001, TO OCTOBER 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-37-9. (1) Before October 1, 2002, the Mississippi
10 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council
11 shall develop and prepare a strategic plan for the development and
12 implementation of a statewide scientific information management
13 system.

14 (2) The strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to,
15 the following:

16 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts
17 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected
18 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage
19 that scientific information;

20 (b) An identification of the current costs of
21 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination
22 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on
23 costs to state agencies;

24 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and
25 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad
26 access to that information;

27 (d) An identification of planned scientific information
28 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those

29 planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the
30 statewide scientific information management system;

31 (e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the
32 mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific
33 information management system;

34 (f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and
35 capabilities of a statewide scientific information management
36 system;

37 (g) A plan for the development and implementation of a
38 statewide scientific information management system in a phased
39 manner;

40 (h) A timeline for the development and implementation
41 of a statewide scientific information management system;

42 (i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for
43 development and implementation of the statewide scientific
44 information management system and a recommended method for funding
45 the development and implementation of the system; and

46 (j) Any other information the coordinating council
47 deems appropriate.

48 (3) In addition, the strategic plan shall recommend
49 appropriate policies and standards for use in management of
50 scientific information and for providing access to that
51 information. The strategic plan shall also address information
52 accuracy and quality issues, ease of access issues, training and
53 technical support issues and interagency coordination issues.

54 (4) Upon completion of the strategic plan, the coordinating
55 council shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant
56 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
57 Chairmen of the Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and
58 Water Resources Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee,
59 the Chairmen of the House Conservation and Water Resources
60 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the Legislative

61 Budget Office, the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review
62 Committee and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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