By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1535

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-75-5 AND 57-75-15, MISSISSIPPI 1 CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE CERTAIN FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES WITHIN THE 2 DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PROJECT" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR 3 ECONOMIC IMPACT ACT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 4 \$25,000,000.00 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN RELATION TO SUCH 5 PROJECTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. б 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 8 SECTION 1. Section 57-75-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 9 amended as follows: 10 57-75-5. Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have meanings as follows, unless the context clearly indicates a 11 12 different meaning: (a) "Act" means the Mississippi Major Economic Impact 13 14 Act as originally enacted or as hereafter amended. (b) "Authority" means the Mississippi Major Economic 15 Impact Authority created pursuant to the act. 16 (c) "Bonds" means general obligation bonds, interim 17 notes and other evidences of debt of the State of Mississippi 18 19 issued pursuant to this chapter. 20 (d) "Facility related to the project" means and 21 includes any of the following, as the same may pertain to the project within the project area: (i) facilities to provide 22 potable and industrial water supply systems, sewage and waste 23 24 disposal systems and water, natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the project; (ii) airports, airfields and 25 26 air terminals; (iii) rail lines; (iv) port facilities; (v) highways, streets and other roadways; (vi) public school 27 28 buildings, classrooms and instructional facilities, training

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facilities and equipment, including any functionally related facilities; (vii) parks, outdoor recreation facilities and athletic facilities; (viii) auditoriums, pavilions, campgrounds, art centers, cultural centers, folklore centers and other public facilities; (ix) health care facilities, public or private; and (x) fire protection facilities, equipment and elevated water tanks.

(e) "Person" means any natural person, corporation,
association, partnership, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor,
administrator, fiduciary, governmental unit, public agency,
political subdivision, or any other group acting as a unit, and
the plural as well as the singular.

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(f) "Project" means:

42 (i) Any industrial, commercial, research and 43 development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise 44 45 together with all real property required for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise with an initial 46 capital investment of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars 47 48 (\$300,000,000.00) from private or United States government sources 49 together with all buildings, and other supporting land and 50 facilities, structures or improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the 51 52 enterprise; or with an initial capital investment of not less than 53 One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) from private 54 or United States government sources together with all buildings 55 and other supporting land and facilities, structures or 56 improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise and which creates at 57 least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs; or which 58 59 creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs which 60 provides an average salary, excluding benefits which are not 61 subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711

twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published average 62 63 annual wage of the state as determined by the Mississippi 64 Employment Security Commission. "Project" shall include any 65 addition to or expansion of an existing enterprise if such 66 addition or expansion has an initial capital investment of not 67 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) from 68 private or United States government sources, or has an initial capital investment of not less than One Hundred Fifty Million 69 Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) from private or United States government 70 71 sources together with all buildings and other supporting land and 72 facilities, structures or improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the 73 74 enterprise and which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new 75 full-time jobs; or which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net 76 new full-time jobs which provides an average salary, excluding 77 benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of 78 at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most 79 recently published average annual wage of the state as determined by the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. 80 "Project" 81 shall also include any ancillary development or business resulting from the enterprise, of which the authority is notified, within 82 83 three (3) years from the date that the enterprise entered into commercial production, that the project area has been selected as 84 85 the site for the ancillary development or business. 86 (ii) Any major capital project designed to

87 improve, expand or otherwise enhance any active duty United States 88 Air Force or Navy training bases or naval stations, their support 89 areas or their military operations, upon designation by the authority that any such base was or is at risk to be recommended 90 for closure or realignment pursuant to the Defense Base Closure 91 and Realignment Act of 1990; or any major development project 92 93 determined by the authority to be necessary to acquire base 94 properties and to provide employment opportunities through *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535

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95 construction of projects as defined in Section 57-3-5, which shall 96 be located on or provide direct support service or access to such 97 military installation property as such property exists on July 1, 1993, in the event of closure or reduction of military operations 98 99 at the installation. From and after July 1, 1997, projects 100 described in this subparagraph (ii) shall not be considered to be within the meaning of the term "project" for purposes of this 101 section, unless such projects are commenced before July 1, 1997, 102 103 and shall not be eligible for any funding provided under the 104 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act.

(iii) Any enterprise to be maintained, improved or constructed in Tishomingo County by or for a National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility in such county.

(iv) 1. Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from private sources of not less than Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000.00) which will create at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs as defined in Section 26, Chapter 1, Laws of 2000, Second Extraordinary Session.

113 2. "Project" shall also include any ancillary 114 development or business resulting from an enterprise operating a 115 project as defined in item 1 of this paragraph (f)(iv), of which 116 the authority is notified, within three (3) years from the date 117 that the enterprise entered into commercial production, that the 118 state has been selected as the site for the ancillary development 119 or business.

(v) Any major capital project designed to 120 121 construct the corporate headquarters and initial factory, to be located in the Golden Triangle Region of the state, for any 122 Mississippi corporation that develops, constructs and operates 123 automated robotic systems to improve the quality of, and reduce 124 125 the costs of, manufacturing wire harness assemblies for certain 126 industries, or manufactures thin film polymer lithium-ion 127 rechargeable batteries which project has a ten-year strategic plan *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 4 (BS\LH)

of supporting one thousand (1,000) direct project-related jobs for each group of wire harness contracts amounting to Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), or which has a ten-year strategic plan of supporting one thousand five hundred (1,500) direct project-related jobs for each group of polymer lithium-ion rechargeable battery contracts amounting to Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00).

(vi) Any real property owned or controlled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the United States government, or any agency thereof, which is legally conveyed to the State of Mississippi or to the State of Mississippi for the benefit of the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority, its successors and assigns pursuant to Section 212 of Public Law 104-99, enacted January 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 26 at 38).

(vii) Any major capital project designed to manufacture, produce and transmit electrical power using natural gas as its primary raw material to be constructed and maintained in Panola County, Mississippi, with an initial capital investment of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00).

148 (viii) Any Fortune 500 company which is
149 <u>headquartered and home-based in Mississippi with a resident</u>
150 <u>employment level of not less than one thousand (1,000) current or</u>
151 <u>net new full-time jobs, and with not less than fifty thousand</u>
152 (50,000) total employees and Twenty Billion Dollars
153 (\$20,000,000,000.00) in gross revenue.

154 (g) "Project area" means the project site, together 155 with any area or territory within the state lying within sixty-five (65) miles of any portion of the project site whether 156 157 or not such area or territory be contiguous; provided, however, 158 that for the project defined in paragraph (f)(iv) of this section 159 the term "project area" means any area or territory within the 160 The project area shall also include all territory within a state. *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 5 (BS\LH)

county if any portion of such county lies within sixty-five (65) 161 162 miles of any portion of the project site. "Project site" means 163 the real property on which the principal facilities of the 164 enterprise will operate. 165 (h) "Public agency" means: 166 Any department, board, commission, institution (i) or other agency or instrumentality of the state; 167 168 (ii) Any city, town, county, political 169 subdivision, school district or other district created or existing under the laws of the state or any public agency of any such city, 170 171 town, county, political subdivision or district or any other public entity created or existing under local and private 172 173 legislation; (iii) Any department, commission, agency or 174 instrumentality of the United States of America; and 175 176 (iv) Any other state of the United States of 177 America which may be cooperating with respect to location of the 178 project within the state, or any agency thereof. 179 "State" means State of Mississippi. (i) 180 (j) "Fee-in-lieu" means a negotiated fee to be paid by 181 the project in lieu of any franchise taxes imposed on the project 182 by Chapter 13, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. The 183 fee-in-lieu shall not be less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) annually. A fee-in-lieu shall not be negotiated for 184 185 existing enterprises that fall within the definition of the term 186 "project." 187 SECTION 2. Section 57-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 188 amended as follows: 189 57-75-15. (1) Upon notification to the authority by the 190 enterprise that the state has been finally selected as the site for the project, the State Bond Commission shall have the power 191 192 and is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of a 193 declaration from the authority as hereinafter provided, to borrow *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 6 (BS\LH)

money and issue general obligation bonds of the state in one or 194 195 more series for the purposes herein set out. Upon such 196 notification, the authority may thereafter from time to time 197 declare the necessity for the issuance of general obligation bonds 198 as authorized by this section and forward such declaration to the 199 State Bond Commission, provided that before such notification, the 200 authority may enter into agreements with the United States government, private companies and others that will commit the 201 202 authority to direct the State Bond Commission to issue bonds for eligible undertakings set out in subsection (4) of this section, 203 204 conditioned on the siting of the project in the state.

(2) Upon receipt of any such declaration from the authority, the State Bond Commission shall verify that the state has been selected as the site of the project and shall act as the issuing agent for the series of bonds directed to be issued in such declaration pursuant to authority granted in this section.

(3) (a) Bonds issued under the authority of this section
for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(i) shall not exceed
an aggregate principal amount in the sum of Sixty-four Million Two
Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$64,250,000.00).

(b) Bonds issued under the authority of this section 214 215 for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), nor shall the bonds issued 216 217 for projects related to any single military installation exceed 218 Sixteen Million Six Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$16,667,000.00). If any proceeds of bonds issued for projects 219 220 related to the Meridian Naval Auxiliary Air Station ("NAAS") are used for the development of a water and sewer service system by 221 the City of Meridian, Mississippi, to serve the NAAS and if the 222 223 City of Meridian annexes any of the territory served by the water 224 and sewer service system, the city shall repay the State of 225 Mississippi the amount of all bond proceeds expended on any 226 portion of the water and sewer service system project; and if *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535

01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 7 (BS\LH) 227 there are any monetary proceeds derived from the disposition of 228 any improvements located on real property in Kemper County 229 purchased pursuant to this act for projects related to the NAAS 230 and if there are any monetary proceeds derived from the 231 disposition of any timber located on real property in Kemper 232 County purchased pursuant to this act for projects related to the NAAS, all of such proceeds (both from the disposition of 233 234 improvements and the disposition of timber) commencing July 1, 235 1996, through June 30, 2010, shall be paid to the Board of Education of Kemper County, Mississippi, for expenditure by such 236 237 board of education to benefit the public schools of Kemper County. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph (b) until the State 238 239 Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding that the issuance 240 of such bonds will improve, expand or otherwise enhance the military installation, its support areas or military operations, 241 242 or will provide employment opportunities to replace those lost by 243 closure or reductions in operations at the military installation. 244 From and after July 1, 1997, bonds shall not be issued for any projects, as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), which are not 245 246 commenced before July 1, 1997. The proceeds of any bonds issued for projects commenced before July 1, 1997, shall be used for the 247 248 purposes for which the bonds were issued until completion of the 249 projects.

(c) Bonds issued under the authority of this section
for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iii) shall not
exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be
issued under this paragraph after December 31, 1996.

(d) Bonds issued under the authority of this section
for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) shall not exceed
Two Hundred Ninety-five Million Dollars (\$295,000,000.00). No
bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2003.
(e) Bonds issued under the authority of this section
for the project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v) shall not exceed

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H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 8 (BS\LH) 260 Twenty Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars 261 (\$20,370,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph 262 (e) until the State Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding 263 that the project has secured wire harness contracts or contracts 264 to manufacture thin film polymer lithium-ion rechargeable 265 batteries, or any combination of such contracts, in the aggregate 266 amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), either from the 267 United States government or the private sector. No bonds shall be 268 issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2001.

(f) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(vii) shall not exceed Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$26,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued after June 30, 2001.

273 (g) Bonds issued under the authority of this section
274 for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) shall not exceed
275 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00).

The proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under 276 (4) 277 this section may be applied for the purposes of: (a) defraying all or any designated portion of the costs incurred with respect 278 279 to acquisition, planning, design, construction, installation, 280 rehabilitation, improvement, relocation and with respect to 281 state-owned property, operation and maintenance of the project and 282 any facility related to the project located within the project 283 area, including costs of design and engineering, all costs 284 incurred to provide land, easements and rights-of-way, relocation costs with respect to the project and with respect to any facility 285 286 related to the project located within the project area, and costs 287 associated with mitigation of environmental impacts and environmental impact studies; (b) defraying the cost of providing 288 289 for the recruitment, screening, selection, training or retraining 290 of employees, candidates for employment or replacement employees 291 of the project and any related activity; (c) reimbursing the 292 Mississippi Development Authority for expenses it incurred in *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711

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regard to projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) prior to the 293 294 effective date of House Bill No. 1, 2000 Third Extraordinary 295 Session. The Mississippi Development Authority shall submit an 296 itemized list of expenses it incurred in regard to such projects 297 to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of 298 the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives; (d) 299 300 providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in 301 Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1; (e) paying any warranty made by the 302 authority regarding site work for a project defined in Section 303 57-75-5(f)(iv)1; (f) defraying the cost of marketing and promotion of a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1. The authority 304 305 shall submit an itemized list of costs incurred for marketing and 306 promotion of such project to the Chairmen of the Finance and 307 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the 308 Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of 309 Representatives; (g) providing for the payment of interest on the 310 bonds; (h) providing debt service reserves; and (i) paying underwriters' discount, original issue discount, accountants' 311 312 fees, engineers' fees, attorneys' fees, rating agency fees and 313 other fees and expenses in connection with the issuance of the 314 bonds. Such bonds shall be issued from time to time and in such principal amounts as shall be designated by the authority, not to 315 316 exceed in aggregate principal amounts the amount authorized in 317 subsection (3) of this section. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be invested, subject to 318 319 federal limitations, pending their use, in such securities as may 320 be specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust indenture securing them, and the earning on 321 such investment applied as provided in such resolution or trust 322 323 indenture.

324 (5) The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be 325 payable in the manner hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall bear H. B. No. 1535 *HRO3/R1711* 01/HR03/R1711

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326 date or dates; be in such denomination or denominations; bear 327 interest at such rate or rates; be payable at such place or places 328 within or without the state; mature absolutely at such time or 329 times; be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium; bear such registration 330 331 privileges; and be substantially in such form; all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond Commission except that 332 such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual 333 installments beginning not more than five (5) years from the date 334 335 thereof and extending not more than twenty-five (25) years from 336 the date thereof. The bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the 337 338 official seal of the State Bond Commission shall be imprinted on or affixed thereto, attested by the manual or facsimile signature 339 of the Secretary of the State Bond Commission. Whenever any such 340 bonds have been signed by the officials herein designated to sign 341 342 the bonds, who were in office at the time of such signing but who 343 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 344 345 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and 346 347 have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until the delivery of the same to the 348 349 purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. 350 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (6) shall be and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and 351 352 incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code and in exercising the powers granted by 353 this chapter, the State Bond Commission shall not be required to 354 355 and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial 356 Code.

357 (7) The State Bond Commission shall sell the bonds on sealed 358 bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be H. B. No. 1535 *HRO3/R1711* 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 11 (BS\LH)

for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such 359 360 sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest 361 to date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. The bonds 362 shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the limits 363 set forth in Section 75-17-101 as shall be fixed by the State Bond 364 Commission. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually; provided that the first 365 interest payment may be for any period of not more than one (1) 366 367 year.

Notice of the sale of any bonds shall be published at least one (1) time, the first of which shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Jackson and in one or more other newspapers or financial journals with a large national circulation, to be selected by the State Bond Commission.

The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that the bonds, at the option of the state, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) State bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be the general obligations of the state and backed by the full faith and credit of the state. The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due. All bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

(9) The State Treasurer is authorized to certify to the
Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for
warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is
authorized and directed to issue such warrants payable out of any
funds appropriated by the Legislature under this section for such
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01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 12 (BS\LH) 392 purpose, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the 393 principal of and interest on all bonds issued under the provisions 394 of this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary 395 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds 396 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on 397 the due dates thereof.

The bonds may be issued without any other proceedings 398 (10) or the happening of any other conditions or things other than 399 400 those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or 401 required by this chapter. Any resolution providing for the 402 issuance of general obligation bonds under the provisions of this 403 section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by 404 the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may be adopted 405 at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond Commission by 406 a majority of its members.

In anticipation of the issuance of bonds hereunder, the 407 (11)408 State Bond Commission is authorized to negotiate and enter into 409 any purchase, loan, credit or other agreement with any bank, trust 410 company or other lending institution or to issue and sell interim 411 notes for the purpose of making any payments authorized under this 412 section. All borrowings made under this provision shall be 413 evidenced by notes of the state which shall be issued from time to time, for such amounts not exceeding the amount of bonds 414 authorized herein, in such form and in such denomination and 415 416 subject to such terms and conditions of sale and issuance, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest 417 418 not to exceed the maximum rate authorized herein for bonds, and time of payment of interest as the State Bond Commission shall 419 420 agree to in such agreement. Such notes shall constitute general 421 obligations of the state and shall be backed by the full faith and 422 credit of the state. Such notes may also be issued for the 423 purpose of refunding previously issued notes; except that no notes 424 shall mature more than three (3) years following the date of *HR03/R1711* H. B. No. 1535 01/HR03/R1711

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425 issuance of the first note hereunder and provided further, that 426 all outstanding notes shall be retired from the proceeds of the first issuance of bonds hereunder. The State Bond Commission is 427 428 authorized to provide for the compensation of any purchaser of the 429 notes by payment of a fixed fee or commission and for all other 430 costs and expenses of issuance and service, including paying agent 431 costs. Such costs and expenses may be paid from the proceeds of 432 the notes.

The bonds and interim notes authorized under the 433 (12)434 authority of this section may be validated in the First Judicial 435 District of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided now or hereafter 436 437 by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 438 validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. 439 The necessary papers for such validation proceedings shall be 440 transmitted to the state bond attorney, and the required notice 441 shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of 442 Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any bonds or interim notes issued under the provisions of this chapter, a transaction relating to the sale or securing of such bonds or interim notes, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any local unit or political subdivision or other instrumentality of the state, excepting inheritance and gift taxes.

449 (14) All bonds issued under this chapter shall be legal 450 investments for trustees, other fiduciaries, savings banks, trust 451 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the 452 State of Mississippi; and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public 453 454 officers and bodies of the state and all municipalities and other political subdivisions thereof for the purpose of securing the 455 456 deposit of public funds.

H. B. No. 1535 *HRO3/R1711* 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 14 (BS\LH) (15) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall represent the State Bond Commission in issuing, selling and validating bonds herein provided for, and the bond commission is hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds authorized hereunder all necessary administrative, legal and other expenses incidental and related to the issuance of bonds authorized under this chapter.

464 (16) There is hereby created a special fund in the State 465 Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Major Economic Impact 466 Authority Fund wherein shall be deposited the proceeds of the 467 bonds issued under this chapter and all monies received by the 468 authority to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Expenditures 469 authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon 470 warrants drawn from the fund, and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by 471 472 the director of the authority.

(17) (a) There is hereby created the Mississippi Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund from which the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be paid by appropriation. All monies paid into the sinking fund not appropriated to pay accruing bonds and interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the state.

In the event that all or any part of the bonds and 480 (b) 481 notes are purchased, they shall be canceled and returned to the 482 loan and transfer agent as canceled and paid bonds and notes and 483 thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease and the 484 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other 485 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly 486 as possible after cancellation but not later than two (2) years 487 after cancellation. A certificate evidencing the destruction of 488 the canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the 489 loan and transfer agent to the seller.

H. B. No. 1535 *HRO3/R1711* 01/HR03/R1711 PAGE 15 (BS\LH) 490 (c) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Department of Finance and Administration and Legislative 491 Budget Office by September 1 of each year the amount of money 492 493 necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on 494 outstanding obligations for the following fiscal year and the times and amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the 495 496 Governor to include in every executive budget submitted to the 497 Legislature full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of this chapter and the status of the 498 sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on 499 500 the bonds and notes.

501 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 502 and after July 1, 2001.