

By: Representatives Markham, Gibbs, Miles

To: Local and Private
Legislation; Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1661

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF
2 SMITHVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM
3 WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN
4 OF SMITHVILLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section
7 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing
8 authorities of the Town of Smithville in Monroe County,
9 Mississippi, in their discretion, may construct, expand, operate
10 and maintain the water and sewer system of the Town of Smithville
11 for a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) miles from the corporate
12 limits of the Town of Smithville, whether within or outside of
13 Monroe County, Mississippi. Whenever such service is furnished to
14 any consumer residing outside the corporate limits of the Town of
15 Smithville, the consumer may not be charged at a rate greater than
16 twice the rate charged for the same service within the corporate
17 limits of the Town of Smithville.

18 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be
19 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Chapter 3, Title
20 77, Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements of obtaining
21 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the
22 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or
23 any other provision of that law.

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