

By: Representative Ketchings (By Request)

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1711

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 702, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1971;  
2 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 904, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1973; AS  
3 AMENDED BY CHAPTER 991, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1975; AS AMENDED  
4 BY CHAPTER 865, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1984; AS AMENDED BY  
5 CHAPTER 881, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1990; AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER  
6 935, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1991, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF  
7 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATCHEZ-ADAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
8 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE AUTHORITY; AND  
9 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 1, Chapter 702, Local and Private Laws of  
12 1971, as amended by Chapter 904, Local and Private Laws of 1973;  
13 as amended by Chapter 991, Local and Private Laws of 1975; as  
14 amended by Chapter 865, Local and Private Laws of 1984; as amended  
15 by Chapter 881, Local and Private Laws of 1990; as amended by  
16 Chapter 935, Local and Private Laws of 1991, is amended as  
17 follows:

18 Section 1. (1) There is hereby continued in existence an  
19 organization now known as the "Natchez-Adams County Economic and  
20 Community Development Authority," which shall hereafter be known  
21 as the Natchez-Adams County \* \* \* Development Authority,  
22 hereinafter referred to as the authority.

23 (2) The authority shall be composed of five (5) citizens of  
24 Adams County, Mississippi, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by  
25 the Board of Supervisors of Adams County, Mississippi, and two (2)  
26 of whom shall be appointed by the governing authorities of the  
27 city of Natchez. No appointee may hold an elective office and  
28 serve on the board of the authority.

29       (3) The term of the initial appointments made by the county  
30 shall be for two (2), three (3) and four (4) years, respectively,  
31 as designated by the Board of Supervisors of Adams county. The  
32 term of the initial appointments made by the city shall be for one  
33 (1) and five (5) years, respectively, as designated by the  
34 governing authorities of the City of Natchez. All subsequent  
35 appointments shall be made in the same manner as the initial  
36 appointments for a term of four (4) years or until their  
37 successors are appointed and qualified. All appointments made to  
38 the authority shall be made within thirty (30) days from and after  
39 the effective date of House Bill No. 1711, 2001 Regular Session.

40       (4) In making appointments to this authority, the governing  
41 bodies of the city, county and the chamber of commerce shall each  
42 strive to maintain a ratio reflective of the population of Adams  
43 County, Mississippi, and shall each specifically strive to assure  
44 that no racial group have more than sixty percent (60%) nor less  
45 than forty percent (40%) representation on the authority.

46       (5) Members of the Natchez-Adams County Development  
47 Authority in place before the effective date of this act, shall  
48 serve as members of the authority until the appointment and  
49 qualification of new authority members pursuant to House Bill No.  
50 1711, 2001 Regular Session.

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