

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Highways and
Transportation;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2029

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-171, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UTILIZE
3 STATE FUNDS TO MATCH ALL FEDERAL FUNDS UTILIZED IN THE PLANNING
4 AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD AND BRIDGE ACROSS THE PEARL RIVER TO
5 THE ENTRANCE OF THE JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; TO REQUIRE THE
6 LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECT; AND
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 65-1-171, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 65-1-171. (1) Pursuant to federal appropriations for
12 transportation system improvements, the Mississippi Department of
13 Transportation is hereby authorized and empowered to construct a
14 road and bridge along the following route: Begin at or near North
15 State Street in the City of Jackson's central business district
16 and extend in an easterly direction across the Pearl River to
17 Mississippi 475 at or near the entrance to the Jackson
18 International Airport, for a total distance of approximately 4.6
19 miles. Final roadway alignment will be determined by a
20 feasibility study.

21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
22 department shall utilize only monies made available to it from the
23 boards of supervisors and the governing authorities of the
24 counties and municipalities within which such project is located;
25 however, the department shall utilize state funds to match any
26 federal funds which are specially provided for preliminary
27 engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction for the
28 connections between I-55 and Mississippi 475 at or near the
29 entrance to the Jackson International Airport, in addition to



30 those federal funds with obligational authority as are regularly
31 apportioned and appropriated to the State of Mississippi for
32 highway purposes. The department shall utilize state funds to
33 match any other federal funds that are used to pay the costs of
34 the project. Accessory improvements shall be made to local
35 streets to accommodate traffic generated by the project. All
36 improvements shall conform to congressional appropriations enacted
37 for planning and construction of the project.

38 (3) The Legislature shall appropriate to the Mississippi
39 Department of Transportation the amounts necessary to provide
40 funds to match any federal funds which are used to pay the costs
41 of the project.

42 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2001.

