

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2690

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-9-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE COUNTY PORT COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO JOINT VENTURE WITH
3 PRIVATE ENTITIES TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE PORT FACILITIES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 59-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 59-9-15. The duties and powers of a county port authority or
9 county development commission shall be the same, as to matters
10 within their jurisdiction, as those set forth and prescribed by
11 law, and as the same may be amended from time to time, relating to
12 the duties and powers of municipal port commission. The board of
13 supervisors, on recommendation of the county port authority or
14 county development commission, may appoint a county port director.
15 The salary of the county port director shall be subject to the
16 approval of the board of supervisors of such county, and the
17 county port director so appointed may be the port director
18 employed by the port commission of the municipality, in which case
19 the board of supervisors of such county and the governing
20 authorities of the municipality may jointly agree on pro rata
21 payments toward the salary and expenses of such port director.
22 The members of such county port authority or county development
23 commission and the county port director shall be public officers
24 within the meaning and the intent of Section 97-11-19, Mississippi
25 Code of 1972. The clerk of the board of supervisors of any county
26 which has appointed a county port authority or county development
27 commission is authorized to employ such additional clerical

28 assistance as may be necessary or required in view of the
29 additional duties imposed upon the board by this chapter, but no
30 employee shall receive a salary of more than Thirty-six Hundred
31 Dollars (\$3600.00) per annum.

32 In addition to the general powers and duties of a county port
33 commission or county development commission, a county port
34 commission or development commission may enter into joint ventures
35 with private entities to construct and operate port facilities.

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