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To: Agriculture

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2886

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION TO BID FOR SPONSORSHIP
3 FOR MAJOR EVENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE FAIR COMMISSION TO COORDINATE
4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 69-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 69-5-3. (1) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall set up
10 rules and regulations consistent with the law governing the
11 distribution of state monies for premiums or awards. It will be
12 the duty of the commission to meet at the call of the chairman, at
13 least twice each year, to approve premium lists or awards, and
14 give out rules governing participants in state premium money in
15 Mississippi. Said commission may invite the presidents of the
16 various district livestock shows before said commission when
17 determining policies affecting district livestock shows.

18 (2) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
19 accept money or funds donated to or to be awarded as prizes under
20 regulations promulgated by the commission.

21 (3) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall have charge of
22 designated state lands and buildings, and have full power and
23 authority in perfecting plans and causing to be held an
24 agricultural and industrial exposition annually, and other events
25 from time to time on said lands and located for the promotion of
26 Mississippi agriculture and industry.

27 (4) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
28 employ an attorney as prescribed in Section 69-1-14.

29 (5) The Mississippi Fair Commission may take any action
30 authorized in Section 1 of Laws 2000, Chapter 306.

31 (6) The Mississippi Fair Commission is authorized to allow a
32 commercial, charitable or governmental entity to use, publish and
33 advertise such entity's name in connection with the state fair,
34 the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and any other activity
35 conducted on the state fairgrounds in return for a monetary
36 consideration paid to the commission. The funds shall be retained
37 by the commission and used for its operating expenses or for
38 capital improvements to the fairgrounds.

39 (7) The Mississippi Fair Commission is authorized to
40 organize, promote and coordinate county and district livestock
41 shows, exhibitions and fairs held in the county and district
42 multipurpose livestock facilities and may utilize appropriated
43 funds or funds otherwise available to the commission for such
44 purposes.

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