AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TO ADOPT A PILOT RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN KEMPER COUNTY;
TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING
THE PROGRAM ON A STATEWIDE BASIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
adopt a pilot program for right-of-way management. The department
shall initiate such pilot program in Kemper County. The program
shall apply to all rights-of-way of highways on the state system
in Kemper County. Under such program, the commission shall
dispose of surplus timber on such rights-of-way as provided for in
Section 65-1-123, and, once such timber has been disposed of, the
Mississippi Department of Transportation shall grade such
rights-of-way and plant grass or trees, whichever is appropriate,
on such rights-of-way. The commission shall examine the results
and cost of the program and, if it so determines, apply the
program to the rights-of-way of all highways on the state system.

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