

By: Senator(s) Mettetal, Furniss

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2893

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO TRANSFER
2 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS CERTAIN REAL
3 PROPERTY LOCATED IN QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
4 "O'KEEFE DIVISION LANDS"; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 47-5-56 AND 47-5-57,
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections is authorized
9 to transfer to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
10 certain real property located in Quitman County, Mississippi, also
11 known as the "O'Keefe Division Lands", described more specifically
12 as follows:

13 All Mississippi Department of Corrections lands that
14 lie in Township 26, Range 1 West: Section 2 less
15 NW 1/4, Section 3, Section 10, Section 11, Section 12,
16 Section 13, Section 14, Section 15, Section 22,
17 Section 23, Section 24, Section 25, Section 26 and
18 Section 27 of Quitman County, Mississippi.

19 (2) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall
20 assume all supervision, management, maintenance and control of the
21 property described in subsection (1) of this act.

22 (3) Upon the effective date of this act, the lease agreement
23 entered into by the Department of Corrections and the Department
24 of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks pertaining to the real property
25 described in subsection (1) of this act shall be terminated.

26 SECTION 2. Section 47-5-56, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
27 requires the Department of Corrections to lease the O'Keefe
28 Division Lands to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,

29 and provides for the disposal of income from any forest management
30 practice on such lands, is hereby repealed.

31 SECTION 3. Section 47-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
32 requires a public hearing to be held before timber is cleared by
33 the Department of Corrections on the O'Keefe Division Lands, is
34 hereby repealed.

35 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after its passage.