

By: Senator(s) Chamberlin

To: County Affairs;
Environment Prot, Cons and
Water Res

SENATE BILL NO. 2939

1 AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH DRAINAGE
2 POWERS SIMILAR TO DRAINAGE POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) The board of supervisors of any county shall
6 have the power to establish, alter and change the channels of
7 streams or other water courses, and to bridge the same, whenever
8 so to do will promote the health, comfort and convenience of the
9 inhabitants of such county.

10 (2) The board of supervisors of any county shall also have
11 the power and authority to incur costs and pay necessary expenses
12 in providing labor, materials and supplies to clean or clear
13 drainage ditches, creeks or channels, whether on public or private
14 property, and to incur costs and pay necessary expenses in
15 providing labor, materials and supplies in order to prevent
16 erosion where such erosion has been caused or will be caused by
17 such drainage ditches, creeks or channels. This section shall not
18 impose any obligation or duty upon the county and shall not create
19 any additional rights for the benefit of any owner of public or
20 private property.

21 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2003.

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