

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3023

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-80-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE CENSUS DATA USED TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF  
3 A COUNTY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE  
4 AND NECESSITY UNDER THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ACT SHALL BE THE  
5 OFFICIAL DATA COMPILED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2000; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 57-80-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 57-80-7. (1) From and after December 31, 2000, and until  
11 December 31, 2005, the following counties may apply to the MDA for  
12 the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity:

13 (a) Any county of this state which has an annualized  
14 unemployment rate that is at least two hundred percent (200%) of  
15 the state's unemployment rate as of December 31 of any year from  
16 2000 through 2005, as determined by the Mississippi Employment  
17 Security Commission's most recently published data;

18 (b) Any county of this state in which thirty percent  
19 (30%) or more of the population of the county is at or below the  
20 federal poverty level according to \* \* \* official data compiled by  
21 the United States Census Bureau as of August 30, 2000; or

22 (c) Any county of this state having an eligible  
23 supervisors district.

24 (2) The application, at a minimum, must contain (a) the  
25 Mississippi Employment Security Commission's most recently  
26 published figures that reflect the annualized unemployment rate of  
27 the applying county as of December 31 or \* \* \* official data by  
28 the United States Census Bureau required by subsection (1) of this

29 section, as the case may be, and (b) an order or resolution of the  
30 county consenting to the designation of the county as a growth and  
31 prosperity county.

32 (3) Any municipality of a designated growth and prosperity  
33 county or within an eligible supervisors district and not more  
34 than eight (8) miles from the boundary of the county that meets  
35 the criteria of subsection(1)(b) of this section may by order or  
36 resolution of the municipality consent to participation in the  
37 Growth and Prosperity Program.

38 (4) No incentive or tax exemption shall be given under this  
39 chapter without the consent of the affected county or  
40 municipality.

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