To: Finance

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE                        REGULAR SESSION 2001
By: Senator(s) Minor

SENATE BILL NO. 3023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The application, at a minimum, must contain (a) the published figures that reflect the annualized unemployment rate of the applying county as of December 31 or official data by the United States Census Bureau required by subsection (1) of this
section, as the case may be, and (b) an order or resolution of the
county consenting to the designation of the county as a growth and
prosperity county.

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

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

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