

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2929: Signs; revise the size restriction on certain signs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-23-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-23-9. All signs as specified in Section 49-23-5(d) and (e) erected or maintained in business areas shall comply with the following standards which are consistent with customary use in the outdoor advertising business in Mississippi:

(1) (a) For signs erected prior to January 1, 2002,  
the maximum size of any outdoor sign or other advertising device shall be one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet;

(b) For sign structures erected on or after  
January 1, 2002, the maximum area for any one (1) sign face shall  
be six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet, the maximum height  
shall be fourteen (14) feet and the maximum length shall be  
forty-eight (48) feet, inclusive of any border and trim on the  
sign face, but excluding any embellishment on, and cut-out  
extension of, the sign face, the base or apron, supports and other

21 structural members. Any embellishment on or cut-out extension of  
22 any sign face shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the square  
23 footage of such sign face.

24 (2) The area of any sign face shall be measured by the  
25 smallest square, rectangle, triangle or circle or combination  
26 thereof which will encompass the entire sign.

27 (3) Sign structures erected on or after January 1,  
28 2002, may contain one (1) or two (2) signs per face and may use  
29 only a side-by-side, back-to-back or V-type configuration and no  
30 other; provided, however, that if two (2) signs are used facing  
31 the same direction, the aggregate total area shall not exceed six  
32 hundred seventy-two (672) square feet.

33 (4) All illuminated outdoor signs or other advertising  
34 devices shall be so illuminated as to adhere to the customary  
35 practices of the industry in Mississippi at the time of passage of  
36 Sections 49-23-1 through 49-23-29. \* \* \* No lighting devices  
37 shall be used which in any way imitate any traffic control device,  
38 railroad sign or signal, or highway directional signs.

39 (5) All outdoor signs and other advertising devices  
40 located within one-half (1/2) mile of an intersection of two (2)  
41 or more primary highways, or a primary highway and the Great River  
42 Road, or an interchange on the interstate system shall be erected  
43 and/or maintained with a minimum spacing between structures of two  
44 hundred fifty (250) feet, unless separated by another commercial  
45 building or structure, other than outdoor advertising, in which  
46 case outdoor advertising may be permitted on one (1) or more sides  
47 of building or buildings.

48 (6) No two (2) signs shall be spaced less than three  
49 hundred fifty (350) feet apart, except as to signs in existence on  
50 October 22, 1965, which shall not be removed by Sections 49-23-1  
51 through 49-23-29. However, this spacing limitation shall not

52    apply to areas within incorporated cities, towns, villages and in  
53    areas zoned industrial or commercial.

54            SECTION 2.    This act shall take effect and be in force from  
55    and after January 1, 2002.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1            AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-23-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2    REVISE THE SIZE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON CERTAIN SIGNS; AND FOR  
3    RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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