

By: Representative Ford

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 569

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH PROVIDES THAT IF THE MISSISSIPPI SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION
3 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL IS FUNDED, THE COUNCIL
4 SHALL DEVELOP AND PREPARE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
6 SYSTEM; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
7 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 reenacted and amended as follows:

11 49-37-9. (1) Only in the event that the Mississippi
12 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council is
13 funded pursuant to appropriation by the Mississippi State
14 Legislature, the council shall develop and prepare a strategic
15 plan for the development and implementation of a statewide
16 scientific information management system. In the event that the
17 Mississippi State Legislature does not appropriate funds for the
18 support of the council for fiscal year 2002, any contracts or
19 instruments executed in connection with such a strategic plan
20 shall be invalid to the extent that there is no funding for the
21 effectuation of such contracts or instruments.

22 (2) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with
23 subsection (1), it shall include, but not be limited to, the
24 following:

25 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts
26 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected
27 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage
28 that scientific information;



29 (b) An identification of the current costs of
30 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination
31 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on
32 costs to state agencies;

33 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and
34 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad
35 access to that information;

36 (d) An identification of planned scientific information
37 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those
38 planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the
39 statewide scientific information management system;

40 (e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the
41 mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific
42 information management system;

43 (f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and
44 capabilities of a statewide scientific information management
45 system;

46 (g) A plan for the development and implementation of a
47 statewide scientific information management system in a phased
48 manner;

49 (h) A timeline for the development and implementation
50 of a statewide scientific information management system;

51 (i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for
52 development and implementation of the statewide scientific
53 information management system and a recommended method for funding
54 the development and implementation of the system;

55 (j) A recommendation of appropriate policies and
56 standards for use in management of scientific information and for
57 providing access to that information;

58 (k) An analysis of information accuracy and quality
59 issues, ease of access issues, training and technical support
60 issues and interagency coordination issues; and



61 (1) Any other information the coordinating council
62 deems appropriate.

63 (3) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with
64 subsection (1), upon its completion, the coordinating council
65 shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
66 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the
67 Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources
68 Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairmen of
69 the House Conservation and Water Resources Committee and the House
70 Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Budget Office, the
71 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee and the
72 Legislative Reference Bureau.

73 (4) The provisions of this section shall be repealed from
74 and after July 1, 2003.

75 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
76 and after July 1, 2002.

