

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE  
3 RESOURCES TO EXPEND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO DEVELOP CERTAIN  
4 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-305. (1) The commission shall submit three (3)  
9 nominees for the position of executive director to the Governor.  
10 The Governor shall appoint the executive director from the list of  
11 nominees with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
12 commission may remove the executive director from office for good  
13 cause. The executive director shall be knowledgeable and  
14 experienced in marine resources management.

15 (2) The executive director of the department shall have the  
16 following powers and duties:

17 (a) To supervise and direct all administrative,  
18 inspection and technical activities and personnel of the  
19 department;

20 (b) To employ qualified professional personnel in the  
21 subject matter or fields, and any other technical and clerical  
22 staff as may be required for the operation of the department;

23 (c) To coordinate all studies in the State of  
24 Mississippi concerned with the supply, development, use and  
25 conservation of marine resources;

26 (d) To prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the  
27 Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at any other  
28 times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full



29 report of the work of the department, including a detailed  
30 statement of expenditures of the department and any  
31 recommendations the department may have;

32 (e) To enter into cooperative agreements with any  
33 federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or  
34 private institution located inside or outside the State of  
35 Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in  
36 connection with studies and investigations pertaining to marine  
37 resources, provided the agreements do not have a financial cost in  
38 excess of the amounts appropriated for the purposes by the  
39 Legislature and to expend discretionary funds to develop such  
40 agreements, studies and investigations; and

41 (f) To carry out all regulations and rules adopted by  
42 the commission and enforce all licenses and permits issued by the  
43 department.

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

