HOUSE BILL NO. 1500

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO USE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING FOOD PREPARATION AND DELIVERY EQUIPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WORK FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-1-19. (1) It shall be unlawful for any county offender or offenders to be leased or hired to any individual or corporation for any purpose whatsoever. Nor shall they be worked under any contractor; but in working them on county farms, or on the public roads or on any other work, which work must be of an exclusively public character, they shall be under exclusive official control and management.

(2) (a) It is lawful for a county or municipality to authorize the use of county or municipal property or equipment, including food preparation and delivery equipment, and to provide offenders for public service work for nonprofit charitable organizations as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code if that nonprofit charitable organization provides food to charities.

(b) The offenders participating in the public service work under paragraph (a) shall remain under the exclusive control and management of the county or municipality.

(c) An offender performing public service work under this subsection shall be entitled to earned credits as provided under this chapter.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.