

By: Representatives Dedeaux, Mitchell

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1500

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

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

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

10 47-1-19. (1) It shall be unlawful for any county offender
11 or offenders to be leased or hired to any individual or
12 corporation for any purpose whatsoever. Nor shall they be worked
13 under any contractor; but in working them on county farms, or on
14 the public roads or on any other work, which work must be of an
15 exclusively public character, they shall be under exclusive
16 official control and management.

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

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

27 (c) An offender performing public service work under
28 this subsection shall be entitled to earned credits as provided
29 under this chapter.



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

