

By: Representatives Robertson, Mitchell

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1636

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO EXERCISE
2 DRAINAGE POWERS SIMILAR TO DRAINAGE POWERS EXERCISED BY
3 MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) The board of supervisors of any county may
6 establish, alter and change the channels of streams or other water
7 courses, and may bridge the same, whenever so to do will promote
8 the health, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the
9 county.

10 (2) The board of supervisors of any county also may incur
11 costs and pay necessary expenses in providing labor, materials and
12 supplies to clean or clear drainage ditches, creeks or channels,
13 whether on public or private property, and may incur costs and pay
14 necessary expenses in providing labor, materials and supplies in
15 order to prevent erosion where such erosion has been caused or
16 will be caused by such drainage ditches, creeks or channels. This
17 subsection shall not impose any obligation or duty upon the county
18 and shall not create any additional rights for the benefit of any
19 owner of public or private property.

20 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2003.

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

