

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2574

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER NO. 563, LAWS OF 1999,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND ADJACENT TO  
3 THE HISTORIC SHAIKER HOUSE AND THE OLD MAGNOLIA CHURCH LOCATED ON  
4 THE PORT GIBSON BATTLEFIELD FROM THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT  
5 COMMISSION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY  
6 TO BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter No. 563, Laws of 1999, is  
9 hereby amended as follows:

10 Section 1. (1) The Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, may convey  
12 all right, title and interest in certain state-owned real property  
13 located in Claiborne County, Mississippi, to the State of  
14 Mississippi, for the use and benefit of the Mississippi Department  
15 of Archives and History, the property being known as the historic  
16 Shaifer House and accompanying land located on the Port Gibson  
17 Battlefield, and being more particularly described as follows:

18 Tract No. 1: That certain tract of land known  
19 as the old Shaifer house tract; for survey,  
20 begin at point on the southerly side of the  
21 public road, where it is intersected by the  
22 line between Parcels 1 and 2 of the partition  
23 of the Shaifer Estate property as described in  
24 partition deed executed by us and now recorded  
25 Book 10-B, page 177 of the land records of  
26 said county, and which partition deed together  
27 with the plat recorded therewith is here  
28 referred to for full description of the  
29 location of said starting point, and run



30           thence in a northeasterly direction along said  
31           old Port Gibson and Rodney public road, 1307  
32           feet to point where said road is intersected  
33           on its North side by a fence, and which point  
34           is point of beginning for survey of this tract  
35           (and which point is further located as being  
36           North 88° 45' East 1434.67 feet from the most  
37           eastern corner of Section 16, Township 11  
38           North, Range 2 East). From said point of  
39           beginning run thence along fence, North 35°  
40           West 134 feet; thence continue along fence,  
41           South 35° West 15 feet, South 86° West 16 feet  
42           to fence corner; thence along another fence,  
43           North 40° West 191 feet to fence corner;  
44           thence along another fence, North 40° East 160  
45           feet; thence continue along fence, North 64°  
46           East 217 feet to point on private farm road;  
47           thence along said road, South 31° 45' East 372  
48           feet to point where the same forks; thence  
49           along the fork going southwesterly 100 feet to  
50           old Port Gibson and Rodney public/road; thence  
51           along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public  
52           road, in a southwesterly direction, 225 feet  
53           to point of beginning. Said tract contains  
54           3.0 acres, more or less, and lies in Section  
55           Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North, Range  
56           Two (2) East. Said land is the same as is  
57           fully described in Section V of said above  
58           mentioned partition deed executed by the  
59           grantors, now recorded Book 10-B, page 177 of  
60           the deed records of said Claiborne County,  
61           which is here referred to in aid of  
62           description and for all purposes. All of the



63 above is in accordance with survey made by  
64 R.D. Wade, Jr., and copy of plat of his survey  
65 is attached hereto and made a part hereof by  
66 reference.

67 Tract No. 2: That certain tract of land being  
68 the site of the old Magnolia Church; to arrive  
69 at point of beginning for survey of this  
70 tract, begin at the most eastern corner of  
71 Section Sixteen (16), Township Eleven (11)  
72 North, Range Two (2) East, and run thence  
73 South 74° 34' East 2,917.7 feet to stake on  
74 South side of public road, and run thence  
75 South 84° 45' East 49 feet to fence corner on  
76 South side of said road, which is point of  
77 beginning for survey of this tract; and which  
78 point is also the point where the East line of  
79 Parcel 2 in the partition of the Shaifer  
80 Estate property as described in partition deed  
81 executed by us and now recorded Book 10-B,  
82 page 177 of the land records of said Claiborne  
83 County, intersects said public road, and which  
84 partition deed, together with plat recorded  
85 therewith, is here referred to in aid of  
86 description of location of said starting  
87 point. From said point of beginning, continue  
88 thence along road, South 84° 45' East 282.04  
89 feet to stake in fence and property line;  
90 thence along fence and property line, South  
91 46° West 396 feet to stake in fence corner;  
92 thence along fence (which is the East line of  
93 Parcel 2 of the partition above referred to),  
94 North 17 East 109 feet, North 16° East 69  
95 feet, North 2°, West 52 feet and North 16°



96 West 78 feet to point of beginning. Said  
97 tract contains 1.29 acres, more or less, and  
98 lies in Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven  
99 (11) North, Range Two (2) East.

100 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join  
101 in this conveyance for all purposes.

102 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration, on behalf  
103 of the State of Mississippi and the Grand Gulf Military Monument  
104 Commission, may further convey all right, title and interest in  
105 certain state-owned real property located in Claiborne County,  
106 Mississippi, to the State of Mississippi, for the use and benefit  
107 of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the  
108 property being two (2) tracts of land that were donated to the  
109 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in January of 1980, by Mr.  
110 A.K. Shaifer, and being more particularly described as follows:

111 Tract No. 1: A tract of land which adjoins  
112 the tract sometimes known as the old Shaifer  
113 house tract and which old Shaifer house tract  
114 is Tract No. 1 in the deed from A.K. Shaifer,  
115 S.B. Shaifer, Laura P. Shaifer, and Estelle S.  
116 Montgomery to the State of Mississippi for the  
117 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military  
118 Monument Commission, which was executed on  
119 December 28, 1979, and recorded in Book 10-F,  
120 page 425-430 of the deed records of said  
121 Claiborne County. For survey of this tract,  
122 begin at the most southerly or southwesterly  
123 corner of said old Shaifer house tract as  
124 described in said above mentioned deed and  
125 which is on the northerly side of the public  
126 road running through said old Shaifer property  
127 and which deed is here referred to for  
128 description of location of the starting point



129 hereof; from said point of beginning, run  
130 thence along the northerly wayline of said  
131 public road South 67 degrees 45' West 70 feet  
132 to stake; thence leave road and run thence  
133 North 52 degrees 30' West 843.05 feet to  
134 stake; thence run North 43 degrees 31' East  
135 631.74 feet to stake on Easterly side of  
136 private ridge road; thence along the easterly  
137 side of said ridge road South 44 degrees 30'  
138 East 195 feet, South 39 degrees 28' East 290  
139 feet, South 37 degrees 45' East 111 feet to  
140 stake on Northerly or Northeasterly corner of  
141 said Shaifer house tract; thence around said  
142 old Shaifer house tract site South 64 degrees  
143 West 217 feet; thence South 40 degrees West  
144 191 feet; thence South 40 degrees East 190  
145 feet; thence South 86 degrees East 16 feet;  
146 thence North 35 degrees East 15 feet; thence  
147 South 35 degrees East 134 feet to point of  
148 beginning. Said tract contains 8.32 acres,  
149 more or less, and lies in Section 12, Township  
150 11 North, Range 2 East, all in accordance with  
151 survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr. dated September  
152 4, 1979, which is attached hereto as Exhibit  
153 "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes.  
154 Said tract is the same as is described in  
155 Tract No. 1 of the Deed of Gift from A.K.  
156 Shaifer to the State of Mississippi for the  
157 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military  
158 Monument Commission executed on January 18,  
159 1980, and recorded in Book 10-H, page 9-13.  
160 Tract No. 2: A tract of land which adjoins  
161 the site of the old Magnolia Church and which



162 Magnolia Church site is Tract No. 2 in the  
163 above mentioned deed from A.K. Shaifer, S.B.  
164 Shaifer, Laura P. Shaifer, and Estelle S.  
165 Montgomery to the State of Mississippi for the  
166 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military  
167 Monument Commission. For survey of the tract  
168 hereby conveyed, begin at the Northwest corner  
169 of the said old Magnolia Church site as  
170 described in said deed above referred to and  
171 which deed is here referred to for description  
172 of location of said starting point; from said  
173 starting point, run thence South 16 degrees  
174 East 78 feet; thence run South 2 degrees East  
175 52 feet; thence run South 16 degrees West 69  
176 feet; thence run South 17 degrees West 109  
177 feet to stake at southerly corner of said old  
178 Magnolia Church site; run thence North 79  
179 degrees 34' West 364.04 feet to stake; thence  
180 North 53 degrees 45' East 396 feet to stake;  
181 thence South 84 degrees 45' East 49 feet to  
182 point of beginning. Said tract contains 1.87  
183 acres, more or less, and lies in Section 12,  
184 Township 11 North, Range 2 East; all of the  
185 above in accordance with survey made by R.D.  
186 Wade, Jr. dated September 4, 1979, and plat of  
187 survey showing this tract and the old Magnolia  
188 Church site referred to above is attached  
189 hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof  
190 for all purposes. Said tract is the same as  
191 is described in Tract No. 2 of the Deed of  
192 Gift from A.K. Shaifer to the State of  
193 Mississippi for the use and benefit of the  
194 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission



195 executed on January 18, 1980, and recorded in

196 Book 10-H, page 9-13.

197 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join  
198 in this conveyance for all purposes.

199 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
200 and after its passage.

