

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2778

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 57-61-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE EXTENSION OF THE REPEALER
3 ON THE LOWER EAST PEARL WATER DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-61-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 57-61-32. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter
9 to the contrary, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
10 shall certify to the department the amount of money necessary to
11 defray the cost of the state's share in constructing the North
12 Mississippi fish hatchery, which amount shall not be more than
13 Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00); and the department shall, if
14 funds have not otherwise been made available, provide a grant for
15 such amount out of the proceeds of bonds issued under this
16 chapter. Of the funds provided hereunder, any amounts not
17 expended on the fish hatchery shall be remitted to the department
18 for deposit into the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund.

19 The private match requirements of Section 57-61-9(2)(d),
20 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not apply to any loan or grant
21 made under this section.

22 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
23 contrary, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall
24 certify to the department the amount of money necessary to defray
25 the costs of the state's share in constructing the water diversion
26 project on the lower East Pearl River, beginning at the Wilson
27 Slough Breakout down through the Farris Slough and Holmes Bayou to
28 the Hobolochitto Creek, which amount shall not be more than Four



29 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00); and if the United States Army
30 Corps of Engineers receives approval for the construction of such
31 project, and if the United States has committed funding for the
32 project, then the department shall provide a grant for such amount
33 out of the proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter. Of the
34 funds provided in this subsection, any amounts not expended on the
35 project described herein shall be remitted to the department for
36 deposit into the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund.
37 The provisions of this subsection (2) shall stand repealed from
38 and after December 31, 2002.

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

