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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3103

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO STOP THE DIVERSION OF FUEL TAXES FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO  
 3 THE STATE AID ROAD FUND BEGINNING MARCH 15, 2002; TO BEGIN THE  
 4 DIVERSION OF FUEL TAXES TO THE STATE AID ROAD FUND FROM THE  
 5 GENERAL FUND AGAIN EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2005; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
 6 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
 7 \$144,000,000.00 AND TO REQUIRE THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS TO BE  
 8 DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE AID ROAD FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 11 amended as follows:

12 27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the  
 13 revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the  
 14 preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

15 (1) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month  
 16 thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the  
 17 total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under  
 18 the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the  
 19 provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on  
 20 business activities within a municipal corporation shall be  
 21 allocated for distribution to such municipality and paid to such  
 22 municipal corporation. On or before August 15, 1993, and each  
 23 succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent  
 24 (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the  
 25 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that  
 26 collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3)  
 27 and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal  
 28 corporation shall be allocated for distribution to such  
 29 municipality and paid to such municipal corporation.



30 A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the  
31 tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated  
32 cities, towns and villages.

33 Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal  
34 corporation under this subsection may be pledged as security for  
35 any loan received by the municipal corporation for the purpose of  
36 capital improvements as authorized under Section 57-1-303, or  
37 loans as authorized under Section 57-44-7, or water systems  
38 improvements as authorized under Section 41-3-16.

39 In any county having a county seat which is not an  
40 incorporated municipality, the distribution provided hereunder  
41 shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated  
42 municipality; however, the distribution to such municipality shall  
43 be paid to the county treasury wherein the municipality is located  
44 and such funds shall be used for road, bridge and street  
45 construction or maintenance therein.

46 (2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding  
47 month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter  
48 during the preceding month One Million One Hundred Twenty-five  
49 Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for  
50 distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection  
51 (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons  
52 of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and  
53 retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal  
54 year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold  
55 by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities  
56 statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The State Tax  
57 Commission shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel  
58 fuel to report to the commission monthly the total number of  
59 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and  
60 retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The  
61 State Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate such  
62 rules and regulations as is necessary to determine the number of



63 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to  
64 consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the  
65 percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the  
66 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the  
67 State Tax Commission may consider gallons of gasoline and diesel  
68 fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the  
69 purposes of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the  
70 fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year.

71 (3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the  
72 fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified  
73 in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived from contractors' taxes  
74 levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or  
75 reconstruction of highways designated under the Four-Lane Highway  
76 Program created under Section 65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise  
77 provided in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the State  
78 Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to  
79 fund such Four-Lane Highway Program. The Mississippi Department  
80 of Transportation shall provide to the State Tax Commission such  
81 information as is necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to  
82 be distributed under this subsection.

83 (4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the  
84 fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from  
85 the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as  
86 provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars  
87 (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the  
88 credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund,"  
89 created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on  
90 or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month through  
91 February 15, 2002, from the total amount of the proceeds of  
92 gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes apportioned by Section  
93 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an  
94 amount equal to twenty-three and one-fourth percent (23.25%) of  
95 such funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in



96 the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund,"  
97 created by Section 65-9-17. On or before March 15, 2005, and on  
98 or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter,  
99 from the total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or  
100 kerosene taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four  
101 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to twenty-three  
102 and one-fourth percent (23.25%) of such funds, whichever is the  
103 greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the  
104 credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17.  
105 Such funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest  
106 on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51  
107 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds  
108 heretofore allocated to counties under this section. Such funds  
109 may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds  
110 issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the  
111 pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not  
112 apply to any bonds for which intent to issue such bonds has been  
113 published, for the first time, as provided by law prior to March  
114 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund  
115 pursuant to this subsection and subsection (9) of this section and  
116 any funds paid into the special fund pursuant to Sections 2  
117 through 17 of Senate Bill No. 3103, 2002 Regular Session, there  
118 shall be first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the  
119 expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as  
120 authorized by the Legislature for all other general and special  
121 fund agencies. Except for the funds derived from the issuance of  
122 bonds pursuant to Sections 1 through 17 of Senate Bill No. 3103,  
123 2002 Regular Session, the remainder of the fund shall be allocated  
124 monthly to the several counties in accordance with the following  
125 formula:

126 (a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties  
127 in equal shares;



128           (b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties  
129 based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles  
130 in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all  
131 counties of the state; and

132           (c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties  
133 based on the proportion that the rural population of the county  
134 bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state,  
135 according to the latest federal decennial census.

136           The remainder of the funds in the State Aid Road Fund after  
137 deduction of the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the  
138 Office of State Aid Road Construction that are derived from bonds  
139 issued pursuant to Section 2 through 17 of Senate Bill No. 3103,  
140 2002 Regular Session, shall be allocated to the several counties  
141 in accordance with the above formula; however, the allocation of  
142 such funds shall be made at such times as the State Aid Engineer  
143 considers necessary but not less than annually.

144           For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline,  
145 diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in  
146 paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

147           The amount of funds allocated to any county under this  
148 subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be  
149 less than the amount allocated to such county for fiscal year  
150 1994. Monies allocated to a county from the State Aid Road Fund  
151 for fiscal year 1995 or any fiscal year thereafter that exceed the  
152 amount of funds allocated to that county from the State Aid Road  
153 Fund for fiscal year 1994, first must be expended by the county  
154 for replacement or rehabilitation of bridges on the state aid road  
155 system that have a sufficiency rating of less than twenty-five  
156 (25), according to National Bridge Inspection standards before  
157 such monies may be approved for expenditure by the State Aid Road  
158 Engineer on other projects that qualify for the use of state aid  
159 road funds.



160 Any reference in the general laws of this state or the  
161 Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be  
162 construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section  
163 27-65-75.

164 (5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred  
165 Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into  
166 the special fund known as the "State Public School Building Fund"  
167 created and existing under the provisions of Sections 37-47-1  
168 through 37-47-67. Such payments into said fund are to be made on  
169 the last day of each succeeding month hereafter.

170 (6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through  
171 November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6 of Chapter 542, Laws  
172 of 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the  
173 Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6 of  
174 Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

175 (7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month  
176 thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six  
177 one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue  
178 collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this  
179 chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section  
180 27-65-17(2) shall be deposited by the commission into the School  
181 Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section  
182 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month  
183 thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent  
184 (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the  
185 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that  
186 collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be  
187 deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created  
188 under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount  
189 deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two  
190 Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts  
191 diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in  
192 excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be



193 deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under  
194 Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other  
195 education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage  
196 appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

197 (8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month  
198 thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent  
199 (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the  
200 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that  
201 collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) shall be  
202 deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created pursuant to  
203 Section 37-61-33.

204 (9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month  
205 thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during  
206 the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
207 (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

208 (10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month  
209 thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected  
210 under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars  
211 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad  
212 Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

213 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to  
214 the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding  
215 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the  
216 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and  
217 the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease  
218 of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property  
219 as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without  
220 diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund  
221 established in Section 27-51-105.

222 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to  
223 the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding  
224 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the  
225 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on



226 retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers  
227 of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding  
228 levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles,  
229 shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad  
230 Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

231 (13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the  
232 fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of  
233 the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22, which is  
234 derived from activities held on the Mississippi state fairgrounds  
235 complex, shall be paid into a special fund hereby created in the  
236 State Treasury and shall be expended pursuant to legislative  
237 appropriations solely to defray the costs of repairs and  
238 renovation at such Trade Mart and Coliseum.

239 (14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month  
240 thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of  
241 the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 which is derived from sales by  
242 cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and which would otherwise  
243 be paid into the General Fund, shall be deposited in an amount not  
244 to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special  
245 fund created pursuant to Section 69-37-39.

246 (15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to  
247 the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding  
248 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the  
249 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-19(1)(f),  
250 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Telecommunications  
251 Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

252 (16) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month  
253 thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding  
254 month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds  
255 of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall be  
256 deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided for  
257 in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax Incentive  
258 Fund created in Section 57-30-3.





259           (17) The remainder of the amounts collected under the  
260 provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury  
261 to the credit of the General Fund.

262           (18) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any  
263 municipality which expands its limits, or of any community which  
264 incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of such  
265 action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so  
266 notify the commissioner shall cause such municipality to forfeit  
267 the revenue which it would have been entitled to receive during  
268 this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the  
269 action. If any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any  
270 municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the  
271 taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the  
272 error or overpayment with such municipality by withholding the  
273 necessary funds from any subsequent payment to be made to the  
274 municipality.

275           **SECTION 2.** As used in Sections 2 through 17 of this act, the  
276 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the  
277 context clearly requires otherwise:

278           (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date  
279 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
280 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
281 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
282 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
283 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
284 maturity.

285           (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

286           (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

287           **SECTION 3.** (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to  
288 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of  
289 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide  
290 funds for the State Aid Road Fund created by Section 65-9-17.  
291 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the State Aid Engineer,



292 declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the  
293 general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the State Aid  
294 Engineer shall deliver a certified copy of his resolution or  
295 resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution,  
296 the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent,  
297 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,  
298 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and  
299 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the  
300 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued  
301 under Sections 2 through 17 of this act shall not exceed One  
302 Hundred Forty-four Million Dollars (\$144,000,000.00).

303 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the  
304 State Aid Road Fund shall be used to pay debt service on bonds  
305 issued under Sections 2 through 17 of this act, in accordance with  
306 the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

307 **SECTION 4.** The principal of and interest on the bonds  
308 authorized under Sections 2 through 17 of this act shall be  
309 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall  
310 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,  
311 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set  
312 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable  
313 at such place or places within or without the State of  
314 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to  
315 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable  
316 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or  
317 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and  
318 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by  
319 resolution of the commission.

320 **SECTION 5.** The bonds authorized by Sections 2 through 17 of  
321 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by  
322 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission  
323 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the  
324 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such



325 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such  
326 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the  
327 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the  
328 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers  
329 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have  
330 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of  
331 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be  
332 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as  
333 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in  
334 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in  
335 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding  
336 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as  
337 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

338       **SECTION 6.** All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
339 provisions of Sections 2 through 17 of this act have all the  
340 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the  
341 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the  
342 powers granted by Sections 2 through 17 of this act, the  
343 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the  
344 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

345       **SECTION 7.** The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
346 the bonds authorized under Sections 2 through 17 of this act,  
347 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,  
348 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees  
349 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all  
350 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the  
351 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and  
352 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance  
353 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 2 through 17  
354 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.  
355 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public  
356 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best  
357 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be



358 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of  
359 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on  
360 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;  
361 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not  
362 more than one (1) year.

363 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at  
364 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
365 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
366 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
367 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
368 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
369 commission.

370 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
371 Sections 2 through 17 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the  
372 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment  
373 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued  
374 interest on such date or dates named therein.

375 **SECTION 8.** The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections  
376 2 through 17 of this act are general obligations of the State of  
377 Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit  
378 of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds  
379 appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the  
380 principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due,  
381 then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any  
382 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such  
383 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering  
384 the provisions of this section.

385 **SECTION 9.** Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
386 provisions of Sections 2 through 17 of this act, the commission  
387 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the State  
388 Aid Road Fund created by Section 67-9-17. The proceeds of such  
389 bonds shall be disbursed from the State Aid Road Fund as otherwise  
390 provided by law.



391           **SECTION 10.** The bonds authorized under Sections 2 through 17  
392 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the  
393 happening of any other conditions or things other than those  
394 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required  
395 by Sections 2 through 17 of this act. Any resolution providing  
396 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 2  
397 through 17 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its  
398 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
399 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
400 of its members.

401           **SECTION 11.** The bonds authorized under the authority of  
402 Sections 2 through 17 of this act may be validated in the Chancery  
403 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,  
404 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter  
405 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of  
406 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to  
407 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a  
408 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of  
409 Jackson, Mississippi.

410           **SECTION 12.** Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
411 of Sections 2 through 17 of this act or of any of the interest  
412 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by  
413 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce  
414 any and all rights granted under Sections 2 through 17 of this  
415 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel  
416 performance of all duties required by Sections 2 through 17 of  
417 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of  
418 bonds and interest thereon.

419           **SECTION 13.** All bonds issued under the provisions of  
420 Sections 2 through 17 of this act shall be legal investments for  
421 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust  
422 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the  
423 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities



424 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public  
425 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and  
426 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of  
427 public funds.

428         **SECTION 14.** Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 2  
429 through 17 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from  
430 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

431         **SECTION 15.** The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections  
432 2 through 17 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes  
433 herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and  
434 sale of such bonds.

435         **SECTION 16.** The State Treasurer is authorized, without  
436 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
437 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
438 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
439 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
440 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
441 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 2 through 17 of  
442 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary  
443 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds  
444 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on  
445 the due dates thereof.

446         **SECTION 17.** This act shall be deemed to be full and complete  
447 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but  
448 Sections 2 through 17 of this act shall not be deemed to repeal or  
449 to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

450         **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
451 and after its passage.

