MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Jordan

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3190 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF 1 GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE 2 AND PROVIDE RAILROAD PROPERTY AND FACILITIES WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE 3 CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO LEASE, RENT, SELL OR EXCHANGE ANY OR ALL RAILROAD PROPERTIES AND 4 5 FACILITIES ACQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE 6 THE CITY TO SELL, RENT OR LEASE PROPERTY TO THE COLUMBUS & 7 GREENVILLE RAILROAD IN EXCHANGE FOR PROPERTY OF SUCH RAILROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 8 9 CITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL 10 11 AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 13 SECTION 1. As used in this act: 14 "City" means the City of Greenwood, Mississippi. 15 (a) "Railroad property and facilities" has the meaning (b) 16 ascribed to such term in Section 19-29-5. 17 **SECTION 2.** The governing authorities of the city are hereby 18 authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to construct, 19 acquire, maintain, operate and provide railroad properties and 20 facilities within or without the corporate limits of the city and 21 to acquire suitable land for the location of such railroad 22 properties and facilities. 23 SECTION 3. (1) The governing authorities of the city are 24

authorized and empowered to lease, rent, sell or exchange any or all railroad properties and facilities acquired under the provisions of this act to any person, firm, association or corporation for railroad or industrial purposes, under such terms and conditions as the governing authorities deem proper, and any such disposition may be made at public or private sale. In disposing of such railroad property and facilities under this act,

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32 any provisions of Section 21-17-1 regarding the disposition of 33 municipal property shall not apply.

34 (2) The governing authorities of the city are authorized and
35 empowered, in their discretion to sell, lease or rent to the
36 Columbus & Greenville Railroad properties acquired under this act
37 in exchange for railroad properties and facilities of the Columbus
38 & Greenville Railroad located within the corporate limits of the
39 city.

40 SECTION 4. The city may accept federal funds or funds from 41 the Mississippi Department of Transportation to carry out the 42 provisions of this act. All federal funds or funds from the 43 Mississippi Department of Transportation received under the 44 provisions of this act shall be expended for the purposes set 45 forth in the funding agreement.

46 **SECTION 5.** For the purpose of providing funds to defray the 47 expense of acquiring railroad properties and facilities and the 48 expense of improving such property, the governing authorities of 49 the city are authorized and empowered to issue general obligation 50 bonds in an amount not to exceed an aggregate principal amount of 51 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00).

52 SECTION 6. All bonds issued under the provisions of this act 53 shall be issued and the proceeds managed in accordance with the 54 provisions of Sections 21-33-301 et seq.

55 SECTION 7. This act, without reference to any other statute 56 not referred to herein, shall be deemed to be full and complete 57 authority for the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds as 58 authorized by the governing authorities and shall be construed as 59 an additional and alternate method therefor.

60 **SECTION 8.** Any bonds issued under the provisions of this act 61 shall be validated in the manner provided by law.

62 **SECTION 9.** No member of the Legislature, elected official or 63 appointed official, or any partner or associate of any member of the Legislature, elected official or appointed official shall
derive any income from the issuance of any bonds under this act.
SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.