

By: Representatives Miles, Ward

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 558

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT  
2 AUTHORITY PROVIDES AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN  
3 PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$100,000.00 OR LESS AND  
4 WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE,  
5 THEN ANY ENTITY RECEIVING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT SHALL GIVE A  
6 PREFERENCE TO MISSISSIPPI BUSINESSES IN CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES  
7 FOR GOODS AND SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The following words and phrases shall have the  
11 meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly  
12 indicates otherwise:

13 (a) "Entity" means a county, municipality, planning and  
14 development district, economic development authority or other  
15 similar organization.

16 (b) "Funds" means funds derived from any source,  
17 including, but not limited to, state funds, community development  
18 block grant funds, other federal funds and funds received from  
19 private sources, which are administered by the Mississippi  
20 Development Authority and are provided to an entity by any method  
21 for a project described in this act.

22 (c) "Mississippi business" means a corporation,  
23 individual, partnership, association, organization or other entity  
24 that is (i) domiciled in Mississippi, (ii) subject to Mississippi  
25 income tax laws, (iii) subject to Mississippi sales tax laws, and  
26 (iv) has one or more employees who are domiciled in Mississippi  
27 and subject to Mississippi income tax laws.

28 **SECTION 2.** Whenever the Mississippi Development Authority  
29 provides at least fifty percent (50%) of the funds for a project  
30 with a total project cost of One Hundred Thousand Dollars



31 (\$100,000.00) or less and which is designed to promote economic  
32 development in the state, then any entity receiving funds for the  
33 project shall give a preference to Mississippi businesses in all  
34 contracts and purchases for goods and services related to the  
35 project. In order to be eligible for the preference, a  
36 Mississippi business must satisfy all requirements necessary to  
37 provide goods or services to an entity for the project. The  
38 Mississippi Development Authority may establish a formula for  
39 granting the preference required in this section which must  
40 improve the competitiveness of a Mississippi business's proposal  
41 to provide goods or services by at least five percent (5%) when  
42 compared to such a proposal from a business that is not a  
43 Mississippi business. The Mississippi Development Authority may  
44 adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer  
45 the provisions of this section.

46 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
47 and after July 1, 2003.

