

By: Representative Ellis

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO USE
2 COUNTY PRISON LABOR TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN HISTORIC
3 CEMETERIES; TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO USE
4 COUNTY PRISON LABOR TO PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD IN COUNTY OR PUBLIC
5 FACILITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER
6 SECTION 501 (c) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any sheriff, or his designee, may use any
10 person who has been convicted of a nonviolent offense and who is
11 serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to
12 clear, clean, stabilize, preserve, maintain and restore historic
13 cemeteries in the county. For the purposes of this section the
14 term "historic cemeteries" means cemeteries that are at least one
15 hundred (100) years old.

16 (2) Before undertaking work on an historic cemetery, the
17 sheriff, or his designee, shall contact the Department of Archives
18 and History to obtain information on the appropriate procedures
19 for the preservation and restoration of an historical cemetery.

20 (3) Any sheriff, or his designee, may use any person who has
21 been convicted of a crime and is serving all or part of his
22 sentence in the county jail, who volunteers his time, to prepare
23 or serve food in county or public facilities in conjunction with a
24 nonprofit organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal
25 Revenue Code.

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

