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

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

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

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

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

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