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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1549

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
3 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and  
8 Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the  
9 administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the  
10 provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972,  
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending  
12 June 30, 2004..... \$ 700,315.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and  
16 Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source  
17 funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for  
18 the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the  
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
20 ..... \$ 1,519,494.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
22 Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below  
23 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
24 expenditure:

25 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

26 Personal Services:

27 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 834,627.00



28	Travel and Subsistence.....	16,000.00
29	Contractual Services.....	195,999.00
30	Commodities.....	44,262.00
31	Capital Outlay:	
32	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
33	Equipment.....	6,871.00
34	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>1,122,050.00</u>
35	Total..... \$	2,219,809.00

36 FUNDING:

37	General Funds..... \$	700,315.00
38	Special Funds.....	<u>1,519,494.00</u>
39	Total..... \$	2,219,809.00

40 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

41	Permanent: Full Time.....	16
42	Part Time.....	0
43	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	2
44	Part Time.....	0

45 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
46 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
47 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
48 Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004  
49 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
50 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the  
51 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
52 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
53 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
54 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
55 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
56 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
57 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal  
58 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,  
59 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken  
60 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected



61 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"  
62 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
63 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
64 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
65 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

66 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
67 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

68 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
69 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
70 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
71 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

72 **SECTION 4.** The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
73 is hereby authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale  
74 of equipment. Any funds made available from the sale of equipment  
75 shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury to  
76 the credit of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and shall  
77 be used solely for the purpose of purchasing equipment.

78 **SECTION 5.** The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
79 is hereby authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds  
80 derived from the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et  
81 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. All expenditures shall be in  
82 accordance with conditions provided in Section 69-27-331 et seq.,  
83 Mississippi Code of 1972.

84 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
85 Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall have the authority to  
86 escalate its budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed  
87 Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in accordance  
88 with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
89 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
90 federal funds.

91 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the  
92 intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed  
93 Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) be used for the purpose



94 of funding a Beaver Control Cost Share program. The Mississippi  
95 Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and  
96 regulations for the establishment and operation of the program on  
97 a fund matching basis with the county unit of government. Funds  
98 not expended or encumbered in a county may be transferred to  
99 another county during the fiscal year. Only those funds  
100 specifically appropriated for the Beaver Control Cost Share  
101 program shall be used in any such program.

102       **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
103 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for  
104 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance  
105 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and  
106 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for  
107 the health insurance plan.

108       **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
109 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
110 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
111 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
112 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
113 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

114       **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
115 and after July 1, 2003.

