HOUSE BILL NO. 1549
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and
Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the
administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the
provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972,
for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
June 30, 2004................................. $ 702,057.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and
Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source
funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for
the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
.............................................. $ 2,711,277.00.

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

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<th>MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:</th>
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<td>Personal Services:</td>
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<td>Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..</td>
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Travel and Subsistence ................ 18,000.00
Contractual Services ....................... 750,000.00
Commodities ................................ 52,000.00
Capital Outlay:
  Other Than Equipment .................. 0.00
  Equipment............................. 6,871.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants............... 1,750,000.00
Total ................................ $ 3,413,334.00

FUNDING:
General Funds............................. $ 702,057.00
Special Funds.............................. 2,711,277.00
Total ................................ $ 3,413,334.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time............ 16
  Part Time............ 0
Time-Limited: Full Time............ 2
  Part Time............ 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal
Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"
appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
such time as the requirements of this provision are met.
Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.
No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

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

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

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the
intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed
Sixty-five Thousand Dollars ($65,000.00) be used for the purpose
of funding a Beaver Control Cost Share program. The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for the establishment and operation of the program on a fund matching basis with the county unit of government. Funds not expended or encumbered in a county may be transferred to another county during the fiscal year. Only those funds specifically appropriated for the Beaver Control Cost Share program shall be used in any such program.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.