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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1604

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 18, CHAPTER 541, LAWS OF
2 2001, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 540, LAWS OF 2002, TO INCREASE THE
3 AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR
4 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS;
5 TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY
6 THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION
7 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE OHR-O'KEEFE MUSEUM
8 OF ART IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Sections 3 through 18, Chapter 541, Laws of 2001,
11 as amended by Chapter 540, laws of 2002, is amended as follows:

12 Section 3. As used in Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the
13 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the
14 context clearly requires otherwise:

15 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
16 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
17 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
18 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
19 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
20 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
21 maturity;

22 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

23 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

24 Section 4. (1) The Mississippi Arts Commission, at one
25 time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the
26 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of
27 Mississippi to provide funds for the grant program authorized in
28 Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the
29 Mississippi Arts Commission, declaring the necessity for the
30 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds



31 authorized by this section, the Mississippi Arts Commission shall
32 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the
33 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in
34 its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form
35 of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the
36 bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things
37 necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale
38 of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under Sections 3
39 through 18 of this act shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars
40 (\$16,000,000.00).

41 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3
42 through 18 of this act shall be deposited into the Building Fund
43 for the Arts created pursuant to Section 2 of this act. Any
44 investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3 through
45 18 of this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued
46 under Sections 3 through 18 of this act, in accordance with the
47 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

48 Section 5. The principal of and interest on the bonds
49 authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be
50 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall
51 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,
52 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set
53 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable
54 at such place or places within or without the State of
55 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to
56 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable
57 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or
58 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and
59 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by
60 resolution of the commission.

61 Section 6. The bonds authorized by Sections 3 through 18 of
62 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by
63 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission



64 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the
65 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such
66 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such
67 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the
68 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the
69 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers
70 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have
71 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of
72 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be
73 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as
74 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in
75 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in
76 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding
77 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as
78 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

79 Section 7. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
80 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act have all the
81 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the
82 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the
83 powers granted by Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the
84 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the
85 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

86 Section 8. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for
87 the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act,
88 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,
89 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees
90 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all
91 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the
92 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and
93 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance
94 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18
95 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.
96 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public



97 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best
98 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be
99 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of
100 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on
101 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;
102 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not
103 more than one (1) year.

104 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at
105 least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
106 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers
107 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,
108 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial
109 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the
110 commission.

111 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
112 Sections 3 through 18 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the
113 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment
114 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued
115 interest on such date or dates named therein.

116 Section 9. The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections
117 3 through 18 of this act are general obligations of the State of
118 Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit
119 of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds
120 appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the
121 principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due,
122 then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any
123 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such
124 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering
125 the provisions of this section.

126 Section 10. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
127 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the commission
128 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the
129 special fund created in Section 2 of this act. Except as



130 otherwise provided in Section 2 of this act, the proceeds of such
131 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department
132 of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as
133 may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of
134 the bonds.

135 Section 11. The bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18
136 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the
137 happening of any other conditions or things other than those
138 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required
139 by Sections 3 through 18 of this act. Any resolution providing
140 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 3
141 through 18 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
142 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted
143 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority
144 of its members.

145 Section 12. The bonds authorized under the authority of
146 Sections 3 through 18 of this act may be validated in the Chancery
147 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,
148 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter
149 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of
150 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to
151 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a
152 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of
153 Jackson, Mississippi.

154 Section 13. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
155 of Sections 3 through 18 of this act or of any of the interest
156 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by
157 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce
158 any and all rights granted under Sections 3 through 18 of this
159 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel
160 performance of all duties required by Sections 3 through 18 of
161 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of
162 bonds and interest thereon.



163 Section 14. All bonds issued under the provisions of
164 Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be legal investments for
165 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust
166 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the
167 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities
168 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public
169 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and
170 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of
171 public funds.

172 Section 15. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 3
173 through 18 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from
174 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

175 Section 16. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections
176 3 through 18 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes
177 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and
178 sale of such bonds.

179 Section 17. The State Treasurer is authorized, without
180 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
181 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
182 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
183 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
184 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
185 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of
186 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary
187 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds
188 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on
189 the due dates thereof.

190 Section 18. Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be
191 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the
192 powers therein granted, but Sections 3 through 18 of this act
193 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any
194 existing law of this state.



195 **SECTION 2.** Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
196 amended as follows:

197 39-11-13. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the
198 "Building Fund for the Arts" is created within the State Treasury.
199 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate
200 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the
201 state. The fund shall consist of any money designated for deposit
202 therein from any source, including, but not limited to, any state
203 general obligation bonds issued for the purposes described in this
204 section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a
205 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and
206 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into
207 such fund.

208 (b) Money deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
209 in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to provide
210 grants to nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt
211 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of
212 local government to pay the costs of:

213 (i) Repair, upgrading, expansion, renovation or
214 enhancement of existing buildings and facilities for the
215 presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of
216 its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such
217 buildings or facilities; or

218 (ii) The development, construction, equipping and
219 furnishing of an entertainment and film center and museum and
220 completion of a sound stage project.

221 (c) The entity to which such grants are made shall
222 provide matching funds from local, federal or private sources
223 equal to forty percent (40%) of the proposed project cost in order
224 to be eligible for a grant under this section.

225 (d) The maximum aggregate amount of monies in the
226 special fund that may be used to provide grant funds to an entity
227 or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(ii) of this



228 subsection shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00),
229 and no monies in the special fund may be used to provide grant
230 funds under paragraph (b)(ii) of this subsection after July 1,
231 2003. The maximum aggregate amount of grant funds that may be
232 provided to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph
233 (b)(ii) of this subsection during a fiscal year shall not exceed
234 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

235 (2) (a) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
236 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1)
237 of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived
238 from proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of Laws,
239 2001, Chapter 541, as amended by Laws, 2002, Chapter 540, as
240 amended by House Bill No. 1604, 2003 Regular Session, and are not
241 used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are
242 deposited into the special fund, then the Mississippi Arts
243 Commission shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to
244 the State Bond Commission.

245 (b) Monies in the special fund which are derived from
246 proceeds of bonds issued after April 9, 2002, may be used to
247 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the
248 Mississippi Arts Commission in providing assistance directly
249 related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section
250 for which grant funds are provided under this section from the use
251 of proceeds of such bonds. Reimbursement may be made only until
252 such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual
253 costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be
254 maintained for each project by the Mississippi Arts Commission.
255 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a
256 project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of
257 bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular
258 project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for
259 unrelated projects. This paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and
260 after July 1, 2005.



261 (3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized
262 and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source
263 funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in
264 this section. The expenditure of money deposited into the special
265 fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts
266 Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer
267 upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and
268 Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission,
269 which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the
270 Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission or his or
271 her designee.

272 (4) The Mississippi Arts Commission shall adopt necessary
273 rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program
274 described in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not
275 limited to, rules and regulations governing applications for
276 grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of
277 grant funds. The Mississippi Arts Commission shall comply with
278 the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

279 **SECTION 3.** As used in Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the
280 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the
281 context clearly requires otherwise:

282 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
283 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
284 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
285 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
286 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
287 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
288 maturity;

289 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

290 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

291 **SECTION 4.** (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the
292 "Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Fund" is created within the State
293 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as



294 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General
295 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at
296 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General
297 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts
298 in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

299 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
300 in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to pay the
301 costs of construction of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art in Biloxi,
302 Mississippi.

303 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
304 disbursed to pay the costs of the project described in subsection
305 (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified,
306 by resolution duly adopted, that the project described in
307 subsection (1) of this section shall have been completed,
308 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
309 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt
310 service on the bonds issued under Sections 3 through 19 of this
311 act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance
312 of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

313 (3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized
314 and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source
315 funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in
316 this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the
317 special fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts
318 Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer
319 upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and
320 Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission,
321 which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the
322 Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission or his
323 designee.

324 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Mississippi Arts Commission, at one
325 time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the
326 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of



327 Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be
328 incurred for the purposes described in Section 4 of this act.
329 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Arts
330 Commission, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part
331 or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section,
332 the Mississippi Arts Commission shall deliver a certified copy of
333 its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of
334 such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the
335 issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and
336 accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and
337 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection
338 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of
339 bonds issued under Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall not
340 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

341 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3
342 through 19 of this act shall be deposited into the special fund
343 created pursuant to Section 4 of this act. Any investment
344 earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3 through 19 of this
345 act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under
346 Sections 3 through 19 of this act, in accordance with the
347 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

348 **SECTION 6.** The principal of and interest on the bonds
349 authorized under Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be
350 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall
351 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,
352 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set
353 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable
354 at such place or places within or without the State of
355 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to
356 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable
357 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or
358 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and



359 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by
360 resolution of the commission.

361 **SECTION 7.** The bonds authorized by Sections 3 through 19 of
362 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by
363 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission
364 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the
365 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such
366 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such
367 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the
368 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the
369 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers
370 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have
371 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of
372 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be
373 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as
374 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in
375 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in
376 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding
377 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as
378 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

379 **SECTION 8.** All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
380 provisions of Sections 3 through 19 of this act have all the
381 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the
382 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the
383 powers granted by Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the
384 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the
385 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

386 **SECTION 9.** The commission shall act as the issuing agent for
387 the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19 of this act,
388 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,
389 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees
390 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all
391 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the



392 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and
393 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance
394 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19
395 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.
396 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public
397 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best
398 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be
399 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of
400 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on
401 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;
402 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not
403 more than one (1) year.

404 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at
405 least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
406 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers
407 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,
408 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial
409 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the
410 commission.

411 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
412 Sections 3 through 19 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the
413 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment
414 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued
415 interest on such date or dates named therein.

416 **SECTION 10.** The bonds issued under the provisions of
417 Sections 3 through 19 of this act are general obligations of the
418 State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith
419 and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If
420 the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay
421 the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become
422 due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from
423 any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All



424 such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially
425 covering the provisions of this section.

426 **SECTION 11.** Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
427 provisions of Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the commission
428 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the
429 special fund created in Section 4 of this act. Except as
430 otherwise provided in Section 4 of this act, the proceeds of such
431 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department
432 of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as
433 may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of
434 the bonds.

435 **SECTION 12.** The bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19
436 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the
437 happening of any other conditions or things other than those
438 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required
439 by Sections 3 through 19 of this act. Any resolution providing
440 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 3
441 through 19 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
442 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted
443 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority
444 of its members.

445 **SECTION 13.** The bonds authorized under the authority of
446 Sections 3 through 19 of this act may be validated in the Chancery
447 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,
448 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter
449 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of
450 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to
451 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a
452 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of
453 Jackson, Mississippi.

454 **SECTION 14.** Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
455 of Sections 3 through 19 of this act or of any of the interest
456 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by



457 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce
458 any and all rights granted under Sections 3 through 19 of this
459 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel
460 performance of all duties required by Sections 3 through 19 of
461 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of
462 bonds and interest thereon.

463 **SECTION 15.** All bonds issued under the provisions of
464 Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be legal investments for
465 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust
466 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the
467 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities
468 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public
469 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and
470 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of
471 public funds.

472 **SECTION 16.** Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 3
473 through 19 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from
474 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

475 **SECTION 17.** The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections
476 3 through 19 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes
477 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and
478 sale of such bonds.

479 **SECTION 18.** The State Treasurer is authorized, without
480 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
481 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
482 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
483 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
484 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
485 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 3 through 19 of
486 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary
487 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds
488 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on
489 the due dates thereof.



490 **SECTION 19.** Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be
491 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the
492 powers therein granted, but Sections 3 through 19 of this act
493 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any
494 existing law of this state.

495 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
496 and after its passage.

