

By: Representative Mayo

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1651

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COAHOMA
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, OR ANY AGENCY, AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ENGAGE IN UTILITY,
4 PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND TO EXPEND
5 PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS NECESSARY FOR ECONOMIC
6 DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following words and
9 phrases shall have the meanings unless the context clearly
10 indicates otherwise:

11 (a) "Agency" means the Coahoma County Economic
12 Development District, the Industrial Development Authority of
13 Coahoma County, Mississippi, or any agency, authority or district
14 established by the Board of Supervisors of Coahoma County,
15 Mississippi, for the purpose of securing, promoting or furthering
16 economic or industrial development of Coahoma County, Mississippi.

17 (b) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of
18 Supervisors of Coahoma County, Mississippi.

19 (c) "Project" means the construction, repair or
20 extension of streets, roads, waterworks, water supply facilities,
21 sewerage and sewer collection and disposal facilities, drainage
22 improvements, pollution control facilities and other facilities or
23 infrastructure necessary, required or in furtherance of industrial
24 or economic development within Coahoma County, Mississippi, both
25 within and outside the municipalities located within the county.

26 **SECTION 2.** (1) The board of supervisors or any agency, upon
27 approval and authorization by the board of supervisors, may engage
28 alone or jointly with others in a project and provide funds,
29 labor, equipment and in-kind services for the project. The amount



30 and type of funding and support provided to any project by the
31 board of supervisors shall be determined by resolution duly
32 adopted and spread on the minutes of the board of supervisors.
33 The amount and type of funding and support provided by any agency
34 to any project shall be determined by the agency by resolution
35 duly adopted and spread on the agency's minutes and approved by
36 the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may
37 appropriate funds to a project, and any agency, upon the approval
38 of the board of supervisors, may appropriate funds to the project.
39 The board of supervisors and any agency, with the approval of the
40 board of supervisors, may provide any type of funding and support
41 to a project or to any governmental agency authorized by law to
42 own, operate, control or maintain the facilities or infrastructure
43 which constitute the project.

44 (2) The board of supervisors and any agency, with the
45 approval of the board of supervisors, may apply for and accept,
46 receive, disburse and expend federal and state funds and any other
47 funds, public or private, which may become available by grant,
48 donation, loan, the issuance of bonds or otherwise, for the
49 purpose of construction, maintenance and improvements of a
50 project. All federal funds accepted under this section shall be
51 accepted and expended by the board of supervisors or the agency
52 upon terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States
53 and as are consistent with state law. All state funds accepted
54 under this section shall be accepted and expended by the board of
55 supervisors or the agency upon terms and conditions as prescribed
56 by the state.

57 (3) The board of supervisors and any agency may execute any
58 agreements, contracts and documents and do and perform any other
59 acts necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

60 (4) The board of supervisors or any agency, with the
61 approval of the board of supervisors, may expend public funds
62 available to it to promote and solicit new business and industry



63 to Coahoma County, Mississippi, to utilize the project and to
64 provide services which will insure the continued economic
65 development in the county. The board of supervisors, or any
66 agency, with the approval of the board of supervisors, may further
67 expend funds to remove obstacles to the development of new
68 business and industry within Coahoma County, Mississippi.

69 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
70 and after its passage.

