

By: Senator(s) Jackson

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2022

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2 TO ADOPT A PILOT RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN KEMPER COUNTY;
3 TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING
4 THE PROGRAM ON A STATEWIDE BASIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
7 adopt a pilot program for right-of-way management. The department
8 shall initiate such pilot program in Kemper County. The program
9 shall apply to all rights-of-way of highways on the state system
10 in Kemper County. Under such program, the commission shall
11 dispose of surplus timber on such rights-of-way as provided for in
12 Section 65-1-123, and, once such timber has been disposed of, the
13 Mississippi Department of Transportation shall grade such
14 rights-of-way and plant grass or trees, whichever is appropriate,
15 on such rights-of-way. The commission shall examine the results
16 and cost of the program and, if it so determines, apply the
17 program to the rights-of-way of all highways on the state system.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2003.

