To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2518

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO GRANT PARTIAL AD 1 VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL POULTRY HOUSES; TO PROVIDE 2 FOR THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF TIME AND MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS 3 GRANTED UNDER THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 5 SECTION 1. (1) In order to provide incentives to support 6 the continued development and expansion of the commercial poultry 7 processing industry and the numerous jobs and other economic 8 9 development benefits such industry has provided to the economy of the State of Mississippi, the board of supervisors of any county 10 may provide partial ad valorem tax exemptions for commercial 11 poultry houses in the manner provided in this section. 12

(2) (a) For any commercial poultry house constructed after 13 January 1, 2002, the board of supervisors of any county may exempt 14 a portion of the assessed value of such poultry house in the 15 manner provided in this subsection (2). The amount of such 16 exemption shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the assessed value 17 of the commercial poultry house for the year for which an 18 19 exemption is granted, and the time for the exemption shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years which shall begin to run on 20 the date of completion of the commercial poultry house. The date 21 of completion of a commercial poultry house shall be the date on 22 which operations of the poultry house begin. 23

(b) Any request for an exemption under this subsection must be made in writing on an application form prescribed by the board of supervisors providing full information about the property for which the exemption is requested. The granting of

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28 each individual exemption under this subsection (2) shall be 29 recorded in the official minutes of the board of supervisors.

30 (c) Any exemption granted under this subsection (2)
31 shall be in addition to all other exemptions heretofore granted by
32 the laws of the State of Mississippi.

For any commercial poultry house constructed before 33 (3) (a) January 1, 2002, the board of supervisors of any county may exempt 34 a portion of the assessed value of any such poultry house in the 35 manner provided in this subsection (3). The amount of such 36 exemption shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the assessed value 37 38 of the commercial poultry house for the year for which an exemption is granted. The time for such exemption shall be as 39 40 follows: (i) the exemption may be for a period of one (1) year for a commercial poultry house that has been in operation at least 41 three (3) years; (ii) the exemption may be for a period not to 42 exceed two (2) years for a commercial poultry house that has been 43 in operation at least one (1) year but less than three (3) years; 44 45 and (iii) the exemption may be for a period not to exceed three (3) years for a commercial poultry house that has been in 46 47 operation less than one (1) year.

(b) Any request for an exemption under this subsection (3) must be made in writing on an application form prescribed by the board of supervisors providing full information about the property for which the exemption is requested. The granting of each individual exemption under this subsection (3) shall be recorded in the official minutes of the board of supervisors.

(c) Any exemption granted under this subsection (3)
shall be in addition to all other exemptions heretofore granted by
the laws of the State of Mississippi.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 58 and after its passage.

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