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SENATE BILL NO. 2916

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-729, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BONDS THAT THE MISSISSIPPI HOME
 CORPORATION MAY ISSUE ANNUALLY TO \$175,000,000.00 THROUGH JUNE 30,
 2006; TO EXCLUDE FROM SUCH LIMITATION BONDS AND NOTES IN WHICH THE
 MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION ACTS AS A CONDUIT ISSUER; AND FOR
 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

 SECTION 1. Section 43-33-729, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 amended as follows:
- 8 9 10 [Through June 30, 2006, this section shall read as follows:] 43-33-729. (1) The corporation may from time to time issue 11 its negotiable bonds and notes in such principal amounts as, in 12 the opinion of the corporation, shall be necessary to provide 13 sufficient funds for achieving the corporate purposes thereof, 14 including operating expenses and reserves, the payment of interest 15 on bonds and notes of the corporation, establishment of reserves 16 to secure such bonds and notes, and all other expenditures of the 17 corporation incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out 18 its corporate purposes and powers. Provided, except as otherwise 19 authorized herein, bonds and notes may be issued annually under 20 this article in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One 21 Hundred Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$175,000,000.00), excluding 22 bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes and 23 24 bonds and notes in which the corporation acts as a conduit issuer. Such annual period shall be the same as the fiscal year of the 25 state, commencing with the annual period of July 1, 2003, to June 26
- 27 30, 2004.
- 28 (2) The provisions of Sections 75-71-1 through 75-71-57,
- 29 Mississippi Code of 1972 (the "Mississippi Securities Act"), shall

- 30 not apply to bonds and notes issued under the authority of this
- 31 article, and no application for a formal exemption from the
- 32 provisions of such act shall be required with respect to such
- 33 bonds and notes.
- 34 (3) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by the
- 35 corporation, all bonds and notes issued by the corporation shall
- 36 be general obligations of the corporation, secured by the full
- 37 faith and credit of the corporation and payable out of any monies,
- 38 assets or revenues of the corporation, subject only to any
- 39 agreement with the bondholders or noteholders pledging any
- 40 particular monies, assets or revenues.
- The corporation may issue bonds or notes to which the
- 42 principal and interest are payable:
- 43 (a) Exclusively from the revenues of the corporation
- 44 resulting from the use of the proceeds of such bonds or notes; or
- (b) Exclusively from any particular revenues of the
- 46 corporation, whether or not resulting from the use of the proceeds
- 47 of such bonds or notes.
- 48 (4) Any bonds or notes issued by the corporation may be
- 49 additionally secured:
- 50 (a) By private insurance, by a direct pay or standby
- 51 letter of credit, or by any other credit enhancement facility
- 52 procured by the corporation for the payment of any such bonds;
- (b) By a pledge of any grant, subsidy or contribution
- 54 from the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof,
- or from the state or any agency, instrumentality or political
- 56 subdivision thereof, or from any person, firm or corporation; or
- 57 (c) By the pledge of any securities, funds or reserves
- 58 (or earnings thereon) available to the corporation.
- 59 (5) Bonds and notes issued by the corporation shall be
- 60 authorized by a resolution or resolutions of the corporation
- 61 adopted as provided for by this article; provided, that any such
- 62 resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes may delegate

- to an officer or officers of the corporation the power to issue such bonds or notes from time to time and to fix the details of any such issues of bonds or notes by an appropriate certification
- of such authorized officer.
- 67 (6) Except as specifically provided in this article, no
- 68 notice, consent or approval by any governmental body or public
- 69 officer shall be required as a prerequisite to the issuance, sale
- 70 or delivery of any bonds or notes of the corporation pursuant to
- 71 the provisions of this article. However, all bonds or notes
- 72 issued pursuant to this article may be validated, except as
- 73 otherwise provided in this section, in accordance with the
- 74 provisions of Sections 31-13-1 through 31-13-11, Mississippi Code
- of 1972, in the same manner as provided therein for bonds issued
- 76 by a municipality. Any such validation proceedings shall be held
- 77 in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.
- 78 Notice thereof shall be given by publication in any newspaper
- 79 published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and of general
- 80 circulation throughout the state.
- 81 (7) It is hereby determined that the corporation is the sole
- 82 entity in the state authorized to issue bonds or notes for the
- 83 purposes of financing low and moderate income rental or
- 84 residential housing as set forth in this article. In addition,
- 85 the corporation shall have the power to issue mortgage credit
- 86 certificates, as provided by Section 25 of the Internal Revenue
- 87 Code of 1954, as amended, and to comply with all of the terms and
- 88 conditions set forth in Section 25, as the same may be amended
- 89 from time to time.
- 90 [From and after July 1, 2006, this section shall read as
- 91 follows:]
- 92 43-33-729. (1) The corporation may from time to time issue
- 93 its negotiable bonds and notes in such principal amounts as, in
- 94 the opinion of the corporation, shall be necessary to provide
- 95 sufficient funds for achieving the corporate purposes thereof,

including operating expenses and reserves, the payment of interest 96 on bonds and notes of the corporation, establishment of reserves 97 to secure such bonds and notes, and all other expenditures of the 98 99 corporation incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out 100 its corporate purposes and powers. Provided, except as otherwise authorized herein, bonds and notes shall not be issued under this 101 102 article in an aggregate principal amount exceeding the aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes outstanding on July 1, 2006, 103 excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and 104 notes and bonds and notes in which the corporation acts as a 105 106 conduit issuer.

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 Mississippi Code of 1972 (the "Mississippi Securities Act"), shall

 not apply to bonds and notes issued under the authority of this

 article, and no application for a formal exemption from the

 provisions of such act shall be required with respect to such

 bonds and notes.
- (3) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by the corporation, all bonds and notes issued by the corporation shall be general obligations of the corporation, secured by the full faith and credit of the corporation and payable out of any monies, assets or revenues of the corporation, subject only to any agreement with the bondholders or noteholders pledging any particular monies, assets or revenues.
- 120 The corporation may issue bonds or notes to which the 121 principal and interest are payable:
- 122 (a) Exclusively from the revenues of the corporation 123 resulting from the use of the proceeds of such bonds or notes; or
- (b) Exclusively from any particular revenues of the corporation, whether or not resulting from the use of the proceeds of such bonds or notes.
- 127 (4) Any bonds or notes issued by the corporation may be 128 additionally secured:

- 129 (a) By private insurance, by a direct pay or standby 130 letter of credit, or by any other credit enhancement facility 131 procured by the corporation for the payment of any such bonds;
- (b) By a pledge of any grant, subsidy or contribution from the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof,
- or from the state or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, or from any person, firm or corporation; or
- (c) By the pledge of any securities, funds or reserves (or earnings thereon) available to the corporation.
- Bonds and notes issued by the corporation shall be 138 authorized by a resolution or resolutions of the corporation 139 adopted as provided for by this article; provided, that any such 140 resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes may delegate 141 142 to an officer or officers of the corporation the power to issue such bonds or notes from time to time and to fix the details of 143 any such issues of bonds or notes by an appropriate certification 144 of such authorized officer. 145
- 146 Except as specifically provided in this article, no notice, consent or approval by any governmental body or public 147 148 officer shall be required as a prerequisite to the issuance, sale or delivery of any bonds or notes of the corporation pursuant to 149 the provisions of this article. However, all bonds or notes 150 issued pursuant to this article may be validated, except as 151 otherwise provided in this section, in accordance with the 152 153 provisions of Sections 31-13-1 through 31-13-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the same manner as provided therein for bonds issued 154 by a municipality. Any such validation proceedings shall be held 155 156 in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. Notice thereof shall be given by publication in any newspaper 157 published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and of general 158 circulation throughout the state. 159
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