SENATE BILL NO. 2961
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered
Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses
of the Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and
ending June 30, 2004.......................... $ 142,172.00.

SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time............ 1
            Part Time............ 0

Time-Limited: Full Time............ 0
              Part Time............ 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

SECTION 3. Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation Plan to ensure that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists may receive, beginning July 1, 2003, a pay increase of Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars ($2,450.00), at the Board's discretion.

SECTION 4. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.