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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2971  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 18, CHAPTER 541, LAWS OF  
2 2001, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 540, LAWS OF 2002, TO INCREASE THE  
3 AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR  
4 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS;  
5 TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY  
6 THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION  
7 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE OHR-O'KEEFE MUSEUM  
8 OF ART IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Sections 3 through 18, Chapter 541, Laws of 2001,  
11 as amended by Chapter 540, Laws of 2002, is amended as follows:

12 Section 3. As used in Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the  
13 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the  
14 context clearly requires otherwise:

15 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date  
16 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
17 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
18 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
19 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
20 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
21 maturity;

22 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

23 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

24 Section 4. (1) The Mississippi Arts Commission, at one  
25 time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the  
26 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of  
27 Mississippi to provide funds for the grant program authorized in  
28 Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the  
29 Mississippi Arts Commission, declaring the necessity for the  
30 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds



31 authorized by this section, the Mississippi Arts Commission shall  
32 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the  
33 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in  
34 its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form  
35 of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the  
36 bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things  
37 necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale  
38 of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under Sections 3  
39 through 18 of this act shall not exceed Fourteen Million Two  
40 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,200,000.00).

41 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3  
42 through 18 of this act shall be deposited into the Building Fund  
43 for the Arts created pursuant to Section 2 of this act. Any  
44 investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3 through  
45 18 of this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued  
46 under Sections 3 through 18 of this act, in accordance with the  
47 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

48 Section 5. The principal of and interest on the bonds  
49 authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be  
50 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall  
51 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,  
52 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set  
53 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable  
54 at such place or places within or without the State of  
55 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to  
56 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable  
57 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or  
58 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and  
59 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by  
60 resolution of the commission.

61 Section 6. The bonds authorized by Sections 3 through 18 of  
62 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by  
63 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission



64 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the  
65 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such  
66 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such  
67 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the  
68 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the  
69 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers  
70 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have  
71 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of  
72 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be  
73 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as  
74 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in  
75 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in  
76 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding  
77 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as  
78 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

79 Section 7. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
80 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act have all the  
81 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the  
82 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the  
83 powers granted by Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the  
84 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the  
85 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

86 Section 8. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
87 the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act,  
88 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,  
89 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees  
90 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all  
91 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the  
92 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and  
93 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance  
94 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18  
95 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.  
96 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public



97 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best  
98 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be  
99 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of  
100 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on  
101 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;  
102 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not  
103 more than one (1) year.

104 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at  
105 least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
106 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
107 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
108 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
109 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
110 commission.

111 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
112 Sections 3 through 18 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the  
113 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment  
114 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued  
115 interest on such date or dates named therein.

116 Section 9. The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections  
117 3 through 18 of this act are general obligations of the State of  
118 Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit  
119 of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds  
120 appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the  
121 principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due,  
122 then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any  
123 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such  
124 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering  
125 the provisions of this section.

126 Section 10. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
127 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the commission  
128 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the  
129 special fund created in Section 2 of this act. Except as



130 otherwise provided in Section 2 of this act, the proceeds of such  
131 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department  
132 of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as  
133 may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of  
134 the bonds.

135 Section 11. The bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18  
136 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the  
137 happening of any other conditions or things other than those  
138 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required  
139 by Sections 3 through 18 of this act. Any resolution providing  
140 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 3  
141 through 18 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its  
142 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
143 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
144 of its members.

145 Section 12. The bonds authorized under the authority of  
146 Sections 3 through 18 of this act may be validated in the Chancery  
147 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,  
148 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter  
149 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of  
150 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to  
151 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a  
152 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of  
153 Jackson, Mississippi.

154 Section 13. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
155 of Sections 3 through 18 of this act or of any of the interest  
156 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by  
157 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce  
158 any and all rights granted under Sections 3 through 18 of this  
159 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel  
160 performance of all duties required by Sections 3 through 18 of  
161 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of  
162 bonds and interest thereon.



163           Section 14. All bonds issued under the provisions of  
164 Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be legal investments for  
165 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust  
166 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the  
167 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities  
168 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public  
169 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and  
170 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of  
171 public funds.

172           Section 15. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 3  
173 through 18 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from  
174 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

175           Section 16. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections  
176 3 through 18 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes  
177 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and  
178 sale of such bonds.

179           Section 17. The State Treasurer is authorized, without  
180 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
181 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
182 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
183 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
184 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
185 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of  
186 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary  
187 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds  
188 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on  
189 the due dates thereof.

190           Section 18. Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be  
191 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the  
192 powers therein granted, but Sections 3 through 18 of this act  
193 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any  
194 existing law of this state.



195           **SECTION 2.** Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
196 amended as follows:

197           39-11-13. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the  
198 "Building Fund for the Arts" is created within the State Treasury.  
199 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate  
200 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the  
201 state. The fund shall consist of any money designated for deposit  
202 therein from any source, including, but not limited to, any state  
203 general obligation bonds issued for the purposes described in this  
204 section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a  
205 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and  
206 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into  
207 such fund.

208           (b) Money deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,  
209 in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to provide  
210 grants to nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt  
211 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of  
212 local government to pay the costs of:

213                   (i) Repair, upgrading, expansion, renovation or  
214 enhancement of existing buildings and facilities for the  
215 presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of  
216 its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such  
217 buildings or facilities; or

218                   (ii) The development, construction, equipping and  
219 furnishing of an entertainment and film center and museum and  
220 completion of a sound stage project.

221           (c) The entity to which such grants are made shall  
222 provide matching funds from local, federal or private sources  
223 equal to forty percent (40%) of the proposed project cost in order  
224 to be eligible for a grant under this section.

225           (d) The maximum aggregate amount of monies in the  
226 special fund that may be used to provide grant funds to an entity  
227 or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(ii) of this



228 subsection shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00),  
229 and no monies in the special fund may be used to provide grant  
230 funds under paragraph (b)(ii) of this subsection after July 1,  
231 2003. The maximum aggregate amount of grant funds that may be  
232 provided to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph  
233 (b)(ii) of this subsection during a fiscal year shall not exceed  
234 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

235 (2) (a) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be  
236 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1)  
237 of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived  
238 from proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of Laws,  
239 2001, Chapter 541, as amended by Laws, 2002, Chapter 540, as  
240 amended by Senate Bill No. 2971, 2003 Regular Session, and are not  
241 used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are  
242 deposited into the special fund, then the Mississippi Arts  
243 Commission shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to  
244 the State Bond Commission.

245 (b) Monies in the special fund which are derived from  
246 proceeds of bonds issued after April 9, 2002, may be used to  
247 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the  
248 Mississippi Arts Commission in providing assistance directly  
249 related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section  
250 for which grant funds are provided under this section from the use  
251 of proceeds of such bonds. Reimbursement may be made only until  
252 such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual  
253 costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be  
254 maintained for each project by the Mississippi Arts Commission.  
255 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a  
256 project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of  
257 bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular  
258 project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for  
259 unrelated projects. This paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and  
260 after July 1, 2005.



261 (3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized  
262 and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source  
263 funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in  
264 this section. The expenditure of money deposited into the special  
265 fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts  
266 Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer  
267 upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and  
268 Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission,  
269 which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the  
270 Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission or his or  
271 her designee.

272 (4) The Mississippi Arts Commission shall adopt necessary  
273 rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program  
274 described in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not  
275 limited to, rules and regulations governing applications for  
276 grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of  
277 grant funds. The Mississippi Arts Commission shall comply with  
278 the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

279 **SECTION 3.** As used in Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the  
280 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the  
281 context clearly requires otherwise:

282 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date  
283 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
284 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
285 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
286 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
287 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
288 maturity;

289 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

290 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

291 **SECTION 4.** (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the  
292 "Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Fund" is created within the State  
293 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as



294 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General  
295 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at  
296 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General  
297 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts  
298 in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

299 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,  
300 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration,  
301 to pay the costs of construction of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  
302 in Biloxi, Mississippi, which includes, but is not limited to,  
303 construction of the African-American Arts Center at the museum and  
304 restoration of the Pleasant Reed House.

305 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be  
306 disbursed to pay the costs of the project described in subsection  
307 (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified,  
308 by resolution duly adopted, that the project described in  
309 subsection (1) of this section shall have been completed,  
310 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts  
311 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt  
312 service on the bonds issued under Sections 3 through 19 of this  
313 act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance  
314 of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

315 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration is  
316 expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local  
317 or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds  
318 provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited  
319 into the special fund shall be under the direction of the  
320 Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be  
321 paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department  
322 of Finance and Administration.

323 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Department of Finance and  
324 Administration, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by  
325 resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds  
326 of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs



327 incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in Section 4  
328 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department  
329 of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the  
330 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds  
331 authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and  
332 Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or  
333 resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution,  
334 the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent,  
335 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,  
336 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and  
337 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the  
338 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued  
339 under Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall not exceed Two  
340 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

341 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3  
342 through 19 of this act shall be deposited into the special fund  
343 created pursuant to Section 4 of this act. Any investment  
344 earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3 through 19 of this  
345 act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under  
346 Sections 3 through 19 of this act, in accordance with the  
347 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

348 **SECTION 6.** The principal of and interest on the bonds  
349 authorized under Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be  
350 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall  
351 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,  
352 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set  
353 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable  
354 at such place or places within or without the State of  
355 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to  
356 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable  
357 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or  
358 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and



359 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by  
360 resolution of the commission.

361       **SECTION 7.** The bonds authorized by Sections 3 through 19 of  
362 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by  
363 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission  
364 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the  
365 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such  
366 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such  
367 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the  
368 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the  
369 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers  
370 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have  
371 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of  
372 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be  
373 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as  
374 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in  
375 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in  
376 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding  
377 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as  
378 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

379       **SECTION 8.** All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
380 provisions of Sections 3 through 19 of this act have all the  
381 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the  
382 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the  
383 powers granted by Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the  
384 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the  
385 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

386       **SECTION 9.** The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
387 the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19 of this act,  
388 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,  
389 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees  
390 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all  
391 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the



392 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and  
393 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance  
394 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19  
395 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.  
396 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public  
397 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best  
398 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be  
399 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of  
400 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on  
401 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;  
402 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not  
403 more than one (1) year.

404 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at  
405 least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
406 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
407 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
408 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
409 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
410 commission.

411 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
412 Sections 3 through 19 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the  
413 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment  
414 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued  
415 interest on such date or dates named therein.

416 **SECTION 10.** The bonds issued under the provisions of  
417 Sections 3 through 19 of this act are general obligations of the  
418 State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith  
419 and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If  
420 the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay  
421 the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become  
422 due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from  
423 any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All



424 such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially  
425 covering the provisions of this section.

426         **SECTION 11.** Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
427 provisions of Sections 3 through 19 of this act, the commission  
428 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the  
429 special fund created in Section 4 of this act. Except as  
430 otherwise provided in Section 4 of this act, the proceeds of such  
431 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department  
432 of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as  
433 may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of  
434 the bonds.

435         **SECTION 12.** The bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 19  
436 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the  
437 happening of any other conditions or things other than those  
438 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required  
439 by Sections 3 through 19 of this act. Any resolution providing  
440 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 3  
441 through 19 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its  
442 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
443 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
444 of its members.

445         **SECTION 13.** The bonds authorized under the authority of  
446 Sections 3 through 19 of this act may be validated in the Chancery  
447 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,  
448 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter  
449 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of  
450 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to  
451 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a  
452 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of  
453 Jackson, Mississippi.

454         **SECTION 14.** Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
455 of Sections 3 through 19 of this act or of any of the interest  
456 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by



457 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce  
458 any and all rights granted under Sections 3 through 19 of this  
459 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel  
460 performance of all duties required by Sections 3 through 19 of  
461 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of  
462 bonds and interest thereon.

463       **SECTION 15.** All bonds issued under the provisions of  
464 Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be legal investments for  
465 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust  
466 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the  
467 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities  
468 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public  
469 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and  
470 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of  
471 public funds.

472       **SECTION 16.** Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 3  
473 through 19 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from  
474 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

475       **SECTION 17.** The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections  
476 3 through 19 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes  
477 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and  
478 sale of such bonds.

479       **SECTION 18.** The State Treasurer is authorized, without  
480 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
481 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
482 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
483 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
484 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
485 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 3 through 19 of  
486 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary  
487 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds  
488 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on  
489 the due dates thereof.



490           **SECTION 19.** Sections 3 through 19 of this act shall be  
491 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the  
492 powers therein granted, but Sections 3 through 19 of this act  
493 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any  
494 existing law of this state.

495           **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
496 and after its passage.

