

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Johnson (38th)

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2997

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI TO DONATE AND CONVEY CERTAIN HISTORIC
3 PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF NATCHEZ TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The governing authorities of the City of Natchez,
7 Mississippi, are hereby authorized and empowered, in their
8 discretion, to donate and convey to the United States of America
9 all of the right, title and interest of the City of Natchez in and
10 to that certain land and improvements associated with the site of
11 the historic Forks of the Road Slave Market in Natchez, Adams
12 County, Mississippi, being more specifically described as Parcels
13 91 and 92, Tax Map 41-116A of the Adams County Tax Maps prepared
14 by Conley, Kight and Eckford, together with all personal property
15 and buildings located thereon. The conveyance shall be made by
16 warranty deed in fee simple absolute and in accordance with that
17 certain Memorandum of Agreement dated September 21, 2001, by and
18 between the City of Natchez and the State of Mississippi acting
19 through the Department of Archives and History and the Bureau of
20 Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, Department of
21 Finance and Administration or as such agreement shall be hereafter
22 amended. The deed shall not be required to contain a reverter
23 clause or contain a provision retaining the mineral rights for the
24 City of Natchez, notwithstanding any provision of Section 21-17-1,
25 Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary.

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

