

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill NO. 3009**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

11       **SECTION 1.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of  
12 Meridian, Mississippi, are authorized and empowered, in their  
13 discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on their  
14 minutes, to:

15               (a) Enter into contracts and agreements for a term of  
16 not to exceed thirty-five (35) years for the sale of treated  
17 effluent water from the City of Meridian's wastewater treatment  
18 facilities;

19               (b) Prescribe rates at which treated effluent water  
20 shall be sold; and

21               (c) Develop, design and construct the facilities  
22 necessary to transport the treated effluent water within or  
23 outside the corporate limits of the City of Meridian.

24       (2) Before the governing authorities of the City of Meridian  
25 may take any action under the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
26 section, the governing authorities shall adopt a resolution  
27 declaring their intention to enter into contracts for the sale of  
28 treated effluent water, setting forth the rates at which the  
29 treated effluent water shall be sold and calling for an election  
30 to be held on the question. The date of the election shall be at

31 the next succeeding regular scheduled state or municipal general  
32 election. Notice of the election shall be published once each  
33 week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper  
34 published or having a general circulation in the City of Meridian,  
35 with the first publication of the notice to be made not less than  
36 twenty-one (21) days before the election and the last publication  
37 to be made not more than seven (7) days before the election. The  
38 advertisement shall be no less than one-fourth (1/4) page in size  
39 and the type used shall be no smaller than eighteen (18) point and  
40 surrounded by a one-fourth-inch solid black border. At the  
41 election, all qualified electors of the City of Meridian may vote,  
42 and the ballots used in such election shall have printed thereon a  
43 brief statement of the amount and purposes of the proposed tax  
44 increase and the words "FOR THE SALE OF TREATED EFFLUENT WATER  
45 FROM THE CITY OF MERIDIAN'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES" and,  
46 on a separate line, "AGAINST THE SALE OF TREATED EFFLUENT WATER  
47 FROM THE CITY OF MERIDIAN'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES" and  
48 the voters shall vote by placing a cross (x) or a check (v)  
49 opposite their choice on the proposition. When the results of any  
50 such election have been canvassed and certified, the governing  
51 authorities may perform the powers and duties prescribed in  
52 subsection (1) of this section, if at least a majority of the  
53 qualified electors who vote in the election vote in favor of the  
54 sale of effluent water from the City of Meridian's Wastewater  
55 Treatment Facilities.

56       **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
57 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
58 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
59 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
60 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
61 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
62 extended.

63       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
64 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
65 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1       AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2       MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE QUALIFIED  
3       ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND  
4       AGREEMENTS FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 35 YEARS FOR THE SALE OF  
5       TREATED EFFLUENT WATER FROM THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
6       FACILITIES, TO PRESCRIBE RATES AT WHICH TREATED EFFLUENT WATER  
7       SHALL BE SOLD, AND TO DEVELOP, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT WATER WORKS  
8       FACILITIES TO TRANSPORT TREATED EFFLUENT WATER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE  
9       THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.