

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 824

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM; TO VEST TITLE TO SUCH PROPERTY IN THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER; TO AMEND SECTIONS
4 55-23-13, 55-23-15, 55-23-17, 55-23-19 AND 55-23-21, MISSISSIPPI
5 CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 55-23-1, 55-23-3,
6 55-23-5, 55-23-7, 55-23-8, 55-23-9 AND 55-23-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE
7 OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI VETERAN MEMORIAL STADIUM
8 ACT," PROVIDE FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION AND
9 PROVIDE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE STADIUM; AND FOR
10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Finance Administration shall
13 contract for the demolition of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial
14 Stadium. After the stadium has been demolished, title to the
15 property shall be vested in the University of Mississippi Medical
16 Center.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 55-23-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
18 amended as follows:

19 55-23-13. The State Highway Department is hereby authorized
20 and empowered to maintain the driveways which lead to the
21 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium and are a part of the
22 state-owned real property under the jurisdiction of the University
23 of Mississippi Medical Center. In carrying out this section, the
24 department is authorized to use its personnel, funds, equipment
25 and machinery, and it may accept donations of funds from said
26 commission, the City of Jackson, and Hinds County, which funds are
27 hereby authorized to be expended, and other grants and bequests
28 for carrying out the provisions of this section.

29 **SECTION 3.** Section 55-23-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
30 amended as follows:

31 55-23-15. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is
32 hereby authorized to utilize certain state-owned land in Hinds
33 County bounded on the east by North State Street, on the north by
34 Taylor Street, on the west by North West Street, and on the south
35 by a street or driveway known as Stadium Drive as a public parking
36 facility establishing reasonable rules and regulations connected
37 with the operation of such a facility, including fees for the
38 privilege of parking. The parking facilities shall not be
39 extended any farther to the east than as the facilities existed on
40 January 1, 1996. Further, the portion of the property described
41 in this section, except the property west of the stadium between
42 the stadium and North West Street, that was undeveloped as of
43 January 1, 1996, shall remain undeveloped unless the Legislature
44 enacts legislation approving the development of such property.
45 The portion of the property described in this section that is west
46 of the stadium between the stadium and North West Street may be
47 developed to provide parking facilities for the Mississippi
48 Department of Transportation offices located on North West Street.
49 The University of Mississippi Medical Center may take any action
50 authorized in Section 55-23-8 relating to the property described
51 in such section.

52 **SECTION 4.** Section 55-23-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
53 amended as follows:

54 55-23-17. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is
55 authorized to establish penalties for tow-away or impoundment
56 charges for individual or corporate owners of vehicles violating
57 such rules and regulations; and such other general rules and
58 regulations as may be reasonably necessary.

59 **SECTION 5.** Section 55-23-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
60 amended as follows:

61 55-23-19. Prior to July 1, 1989, the commission shall
62 contract with the University of Mississippi Medical Center for
63 provision by the medical center of funds in an amount reasonable

64 and necessary to provide the following maintenance of parking
65 facilities at the stadium:

- 66 (a) Adequate lighting;
- 67 (b) Routine care of the parking surface;
- 68 (c) Long-term resurfacing of any parking area utilized
69 by medical center employees, students and patients; and
- 70 (d) Security.

71 In consideration of the funds provided by the medical center,
72 the University of Mississippi Medical Center students, employees,
73 patients and visitors, and all other state employees, will be
74 exempt from payment of any fees imposed * * * for the use of the
75 parking facilities at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium
76 when there are no special events being held on the stadium
77 grounds.

78 **SECTION 6.** Section 55-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
79 amended as follows:

80 55-23-21. The Building Commission is hereby authorized and
81 empowered, in addition to all other powers and duties of such
82 commission, to enlarge and renovate the Mississippi Veterans
83 Memorial Stadium in order to provide for a modern stadium having a
84 seating capacity of approximately sixty-two thousand seven hundred
85 thirty-one (62,731) persons, such authority to be conditioned upon
86 a contribution by Hinds County, Mississippi, to the Building
87 Commission of a sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for
88 such enlargement and renovation. The parking facilities shall not
89 be extended any farther to the east than as the facilities existed
90 on January 1, 1996. Further, the portion of the state-owned
91 property on which the stadium and parking facilities are located,
92 except the property west of the stadium between the stadium and
93 North West Street, that was undeveloped as of January 1, 1996,
94 shall remain undeveloped unless the Legislature enacts legislation
95 approving the development of such property. The portion of the
96 state-owned property on which the stadium is located that is west

97 of the stadium between the stadium and North West Street may be
98 developed to provide parking facilities for the Mississippi
99 Department of Transportation offices located on North West
100 Street. * * *

101 **SECTION 7.** Sections 55-23-1, 55-23-3, 55-23-5, 55-23-7,
102 55-23-8, 55-23-9 and 55-23-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
103 create "the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Act," provide
104 for the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission and
105 provide for the management and operation of the Mississippi
106 Veterans Memorial Stadium, are repealed.

107 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
108 and after July 1, 2004.