

By: Representatives Moss, Cummings

To: Public Property; Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 977

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
2 PARKS TO ACQUIRE THE JACINTO COURTHOUSE IN ALCORN COUNTY,
3 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Parks and Recreation, of the
6 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, may
7 establish, maintain and operate as a part of the state park system
8 the Jacinto Courthouse and any property appurtenant to it which is
9 owned by the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., in Alcorn County,
10 Mississippi, upon the conveyance of that property to the state by
11 the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., a voluntary, nonprofit corporation
12 whose charter of incorporation is recorded in the Records of
13 Incorporations in the Office of the Secretary of State in
14 photostat book 154, pages 571-576. The property conveyance shall
15 be on such terms as the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
16 Fisheries and Parks and the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., may agree.

17 The Boards of Supervisors of Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss
18 Counties may levy ad valorem taxes authorized by law for the
19 operation and maintenance of the courthouse and may pay tax
20 proceeds to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to
21 help defray the costs of operating and maintaining the courthouse.

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