

By: Representatives Markham, Miles, Gibbs

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONROE
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A COUNTY
3 BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS
4 TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO APPROPRIATE
5 AND EXPEND FUNDS TO THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** For purposes of this act, the following words
8 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 (a) "Board of supervisors" and "board" means the Board
11 of Supervisors of Monroe County, Mississippi;

12 (b) "Commission" means the Monroe County Beautification
13 Commission authorized in Section 2 of this act;

14 (c) "Commissioners" mean the beautification
15 commissioners authorized by Section 2 of this act.

16 **SECTION 2.** The board of supervisors may create and establish
17 a county beautification commission. The commission shall be
18 composed of five (5) commissioners to be appointed by a majority
19 vote of the board of supervisors. Each commissioner shall be a
20 qualified elector of the county. There shall be one (1) member
21 appointed from each of the five (5) supervisors districts of the
22 county. Each commissioner shall serve for a term to run
23 concurrent with the term of a member of the board of supervisors.
24 Any vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall be filled by the
25 board of supervisors in the same manner as the original
26 appointment, and the appointee shall serve until the expiration of
27 the term of his immediate predecessor. The commissioners shall
28 serve at the will and pleasure of the board of supervisors, and

29 the board shall have the power to remove and replace by majority
30 vote any member of the commission.

31 **SECTION 3.** (1) The board of supervisors, in its discretion,
32 may contribute an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand
33 Dollars (\$25,000.00) annually, from any available funds of the
34 county, to the commission for the operation of the commission,
35 including, but not limited to, the hiring of necessary personnel,
36 spending of monies for education, advertising and other expenses
37 incidental to the commission. Employees of the commission shall
38 be under the direct control and supervision of the commission. No
39 expenditures shall be made by the commission except in accordance
40 with a budget approved by the board of supervisors.

41 (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board
42 of supervisors, in its discretion, may appropriate an amount not
43 to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) annually, from
44 the Road and Bridge Fund of Monroe County, when necessary for an
45 expenditure by the commission for any beautification project of
46 the commission related to county roads.

47 (3) The board of supervisors, in its discretion, may accept
48 grants, gifts and donations from any source for the use and
49 support of the commission.

50 **SECTION 4.** The board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
51 adopt rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the
52 economic and efficient management of the commission.

53 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
54 and after passage.