

By: Representatives Frierson, Janus

To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1262

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR A COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT TO PREPAY  
3 THE COSTS OF PUBLICATION FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-27-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-27-15. (1) Not later than sixty (60) days from the  
8 receipt of any application, the commission shall publish notice of  
9 a date on or before which written objections to any application  
10 must be filed. If written objection is filed or if the applicant  
11 requests a hearing, then a hearing must be held within twenty (20)  
12 days after the date on or before which objections must be filed  
13 unless a later date for the hearing is agreed to by all parties.  
14 Notice of the date on or before which objections must be filed  
15 shall be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive  
16 weeks in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the  
17 county in which the affected wetlands are located. The last  
18 publication of such notice shall be made not more than seven (7)  
19 days prior to such date. The published notice shall describe the  
20 site of the proposed activity and shall give a general description  
21 of the proposed regulated activity. Further, notice shall be  
22 given describing the date, time and place for the hearing by U.S.  
23 Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the objectors and to the  
24 applicant at the address furnished to the commission by the  
25 parties, and by causing a copy of such notice to be published at  
26 least one time in one (1) newspaper having a general circulation  
27 in the county in which the affected wetlands are located.

28           (2) An applicant shall pay the estimated costs of public  
29 notice and publication fees before the notice is published.

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