

By: Senator(s) Gordon

To: County Affairs; Highways
and Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2443

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-15-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY MAY USE AN AD
3 VALOREM TAX LEVIED FOR CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING BRIDGES FOR
4 THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ROADS
5 IN THE COUNTY IF THE STATE AID ENGINEER HAS CERTIFIED THAT ALL THE
6 BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY HAVE A SUFFICIENCY RATING OF GREATER THAN
7 FIFTY, AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS; AND
8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-15-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 65-15-7. The board of supervisors of any county may, in its
13 discretion, levy annually an ad valorem tax on all taxable
14 property of the county, to be used for constructing and
15 maintaining all bridges and culverts on the public roads
16 throughout the county; however, if the State Aid Engineer has
17 certified that all the bridges in the county have a sufficiency
18 rating of greater than fifty (50), as determined by National
19 Bridge Inspection standards, the ad valorem tax may be used for
20 the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of public roads
21 throughout the county.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2004.