

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th)

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3222

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF
2 STURGIS IN OKTIBBEHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO EXPAND ITS WATER
3 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE
4 CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section
7 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing
8 authorities of the Town of Sturgis, in Oktibbeha County,
9 Mississippi, may, in their discretion, construct, expand, operate
10 and maintain the water distribution system of the Town of Sturgis
11 for a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) miles from the corporate
12 limits of the Town of Sturgis. Whenever such water utility
13 service is furnished to any consumer residing outside the
14 corporate limits of the Town of Sturgis, the consumer may not be
15 charged at a rate greater than twice the rate charged for the same
16 service within the corporate limits of the Town of Sturgis.

17 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be
18 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et
19 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements for
20 obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the
21 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or
22 any other provisions of that law.

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