

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Auctioneers Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

..... \$ 98,306.00.

**SECTION 2.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

Permanent:	Full Time .....	1
	Part Time .....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	0
	Part Time .....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

27 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
28 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
29 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
30 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal  
31 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
32 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
33 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
34 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
35 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services"  
36 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
37 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
38 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
39 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

40 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
41 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
42 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
43 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
44 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
45 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
46 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
47 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
48 appropriated level.

49 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
50 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
51 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
52 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

53 Of the above funds, none may be expended by this act to  
54 provide for any regulatory authority over livestock auctioneers  
55 conducting sales for an individual of his own property.

56 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
57 Mississippi Auctioneers Commission shall maintain complete  
58 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all

59 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
60 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
61 Year 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
62 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be  
63 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
64 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
65 provided during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

66 **SECTION 4.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
68 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
69 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
70 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
71 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

72 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
73 and after July 1, 2004.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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