

**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. 1709: Appropriation; State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

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:

6       **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for  
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.....\$           446,540.00.

12       **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the  
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below  
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
15 expenditure:

16       MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17       Personal Services:

18               Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$	227,700.00
19               Travel and Subsistence.....	35,000.00
20               Contractual Services .....	164,040.00
21               Commodities.....	16,300.00
22       Capital Outlay:	
23               Other Than Equipment .....	0.00
24               Equipment .....	3,500.00
25               Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
26               Total..... \$	446,540.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time .....	4
29		Part Time .....	1
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	0
31		Part Time .....	0

32 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
33 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
34 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
35 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005  
36 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
37 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the  
38 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
39 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
40 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
41 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
42 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
43 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
44 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal  
45 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
46 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
47 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
48 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
49 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services"  
50 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
51 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
52 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
53 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

54 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
55 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The

59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
62 appropriated level.

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

67 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
68 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
69 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
70 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
71 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
72 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2004. It is further the  
73 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
74 Fiscal Year 2006 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
75 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
76 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2005  
77 budget request process.

78 **SECTION 4.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
79 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
80 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
81 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
82 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

83 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

84           **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

85 and after July 1, 2004.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Johnny W. Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
John Read

X (SIGNED)  
Billy Broomfield

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
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