



27 Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall  
 28 pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work.  
 29 Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into  
 30 the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such  
 31 money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

32 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 33 Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below  
 34 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
 35 expenditure:

36 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

37 Personal Services:

38	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$	20,801,351.00
39	Travel and Subsistence.....	60,000.00
40	Contractual Services .....	2,152,519.00
41	Commodities.....	1,655,000.00
42	Capital Outlay:	
43	Other Than Equipment .....	100,000.00
44	Equipment .....	1,200,000.00
45	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>2,505,206.00</u>
46	Total..... \$	28,474,076.00

47 FUNDING:

48	General Funds .....	\$ 19,782,777.00
49	Special Funds .....	<u>8,691,299.00</u>
50	Total..... \$	28,474,076.00

51 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

52	Permanent: Full Time .....	653
53	Part Time .....	58
54	Time-Limited: Full Time .....	0
55	Part Time .....	0

56 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
 57 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
 58 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal

59 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005  
60 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
61 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the  
62 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
63 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
64 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
65 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
66 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
67 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
68 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal  
69 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
70 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
71 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
72 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
73 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services"  
74 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
75 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
76 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
77 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

78 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
79 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
80 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
81 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
82 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
83 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
84 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
85 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
86 appropriated level.

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

91           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
 92 State Forestry Commission shall maintain complete accounting and  
 93 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
 94 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
 95 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
 96 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
 97 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be submitted to  
 98 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
 99 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
 100 during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

101           **SECTION 5.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 102 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 103 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 104 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 105 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 106 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 107 performance measures provided below:

108	FY2005
109 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
110 Fire Control	
111       Number of Fires per Year (Events)	1,500
112       Average Size of Fire (Acres)	12.00
113 Private Lands Management	
114       Land Reforested (Acres)	120,000
115       Landowners Assisted (Persons)	18,000
116 Public Lands Management	
117       Value of Timber Sold (Dollars)	20,000,000
118 Insect & Disease Control	
119       Acres Surveyed (Millions)	17.40
120 Forest Resource Development	
121       Acres Regenerated (Acres)	45,000
122 Federal Excess Property	

123	Number of Vehicles Acquired (Vehicles)	80
124	Regeneration	
125	Genetically Improved Seedlings (In Millions)	30
126	Urban and Community Forestry	
127	Communities Assisted	200
128	Homeowners Assisted	15,000
129	Financial Assistance Provided (dollars)	450,000

130 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
131 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
132 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
133 Committee for Fiscal Year 2006.

134 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
135 State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its budget in the  
136 Capital Outlay: Equipment major object of expenditure, with funds  
137 generated from the Forest Acreage Tax, and with funds generated  
138 from the sale of old equipment and lease of tower sites an amount  
139 not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00).  
140 It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State  
141 Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its budget in the  
142 Subsidies, Loans and Grants major object of expenditure, with  
143 funds generated from the Severance Tax to fund the Forest Resource  
144 Development Program in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred  
145 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The receipt of these funds is  
146 hereby authorized and approved, provided such receipts and  
147 expenditures are reported and otherwise accounted for in  
148 accordance with Section 27-103-101 et seq. and Section 27-104-1 et  
149 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

150 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
151 State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate part-time  
152 positions up to one hundred (100) and expend funds not to exceed  
153 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any source of  
154 funds that become available to the commission. This escalation

155 shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of the  
156 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent  
157 with the escalation of federal funds. These positions may be used  
158 to protect life and property during extended periods of extreme  
159 wildfire occurrences of a minimum of fifty (50) fires per day.  
160 The escalation of positions and the expenditure of these funds  
161 shall be at the discretion of the State Forester, with written  
162 notification to the State Personnel Board and the State Fiscal  
163 Officer.

164       **SECTION 8.** The Forestry Commission has the authority to  
165 purchase from the "General Services Administration" Fire Fighter  
166 Catalog and any other GSA Catalog as long as the cost of such  
167 items are less than the quotes received.

168       **SECTION 9.** There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
169 fund designated as the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment  
170 Conversion Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry  
171 Commission to assist in the conversion of vehicles acquired by the  
172 State Forestry Commission through the Federal Excess Personal  
173 Property Program or by Volunteer Fire Departments through other  
174 means to adapt them for use in the suppression of wildland fires.  
175 This assistance shall be in the form of fabrication of water tanks  
176 or other accessories necessary for the operation of fire  
177 suppression units, installation of piping and valves, painting or  
178 other similar or associated component work necessary to place fire  
179 suppression equipment into service. It is not for general vehicle  
180 maintenance or repair.

181       The Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving  
182 Fund shall be funded by monies received from charges for work and  
183 services performed for Volunteer Fire Departments by the State  
184 Forestry Commission. Monies collected from such charges shall be  
185 deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion  
186 Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements

187 therefrom for payment of materials, supplies and labor upon  
188 requisition of the Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of  
189 warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

190 The amount of monies deposited into the Volunteer Fire  
191 Department Equipment Conversion Fund through this work shall not  
192 exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Funds in excess of  
193 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be placed in the State  
194 Forestry Commission's regular appropriated special funds. Monies  
195 in this revolving fund are to be considered special funds and  
196 shall be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.

197 **SECTION 10.** There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
198 fund designated as the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund to be  
199 used by the State Forestry Commission to direct forest management  
200 activities on the Camden State Forest in Madison County,  
201 Mississippi. The forest management activities will include but  
202 not be limited to maintenance of property, timber sale activities  
203 and regeneration work.

204 The Camden State Forest Revolving Fund shall be funded by  
205 monies received from timber sales, leases, and any other source.  
206 Monies collected from these income sources shall be deposited into  
207 the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall  
208 make disbursements therefrom for payments of materials, supplies  
209 and labor upon requisition of the State Forestry Commission and  
210 upon the issuance of warrants therefore by the Department of  
211 Finance and Administration.

212 It is the intention of the Legislature that any revolving  
213 funds in excess of the budgeted amount needed for the necessary  
214 operation and maintenance of all properties under the direct  
215 supervision and management of the State Forestry Commission shall  
216 remain in the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund for use in future  
217 years.

218           **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
219 Forestry Commission shall have the authority to escalate their  
220 budget in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
221 (\$200,000.00) of funds derived from Fund 341R in the State  
222 Treasury to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi  
223 Institute for Forest Inventory. Implementation of the escalation  
224 shall be contingent upon passage of House Bill No. 1791 or Senate  
225 Bill No. 2809 of the 2004 Regular Session.

226           **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
227 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
228 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
229 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
230 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
231 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

232           **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
233 and after July 1, 2004.

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