

By: Representatives Robinson (84th),
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To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 835

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION SHALL SELL AND CONVEY SAM DALE STATE PARK TO
3 DALEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 WHEREAS, on September 22, 1965, E.R. Lightsey, Leo Wilkerson,
5 J.L. Lee and J.L. McWilliams, Trustees for the Daleville Baptist
6 Church and the Daleville Methodist Church of Daleville, Lauderdale
7 County, Mississippi, donated by quitclaim deed to the State Park
8 System a certain parcel of real property located in Daleville,
9 Lauderdale County, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, following such conveyance and pursuant to resolution
11 of the trustees authorizing the conveyance, the State of
12 Mississippi designated such property as a state park, established
13 a memorial and burial place for the body of Sam Dale and erected a
14 monument over the burial site; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 21 of Chapter 595, Laws of 2004, directed
16 the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to promptly
17 dispose of Sam Dale State Park, through closure, transfer, lease
18 or sale; and

19 WHEREAS, the membership of Daleville United Methodist Church
20 (formerly Daleville Methodist Church of Daleville, Lauderdale
21 County, Mississippi), Daleville Baptist Church having since
22 dissolved and merged with Daleville United Methodist Church,
23 requests that such property be conveyed to Daleville United
24 Methodist Church; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
27 Administration, acting on behalf of the Department of Wildlife,

28 Fisheries and Parks, shall sell and convey to Daleville United
29 Methodist Church of Daleville, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, the
30 following described state-owned real property, situated in
31 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, together with all improvements
32 thereon:

33 The college lot described as beginning at a point 11.94
34 chains North, by 3-1/2 degrees West from the Southwest
35 corner of Lot 12 of Section 4, Township 8, Range 16
36 East, which corner is marked by a stob and running
37 thence North 3-1/2 degrees West 6.64 chains, thence
38 North by 74-1/2 degrees East 3.24 chains to a pine stob,
39 thence South by 14-3/4 degrees East 6.74 chains to a
40 stob, thence South by 67 degrees East 1.60 chains,
41 thence South by 80-1/2 degrees West 7.53 chains to point
42 of beginning, all of said property or parcels of land
43 lying and being situated in Lot 9, Section 5, Township
44 8, Range 16 East and said land lying East of the
45 Meridian and DeKalb Public Road and all being situated
46 in Lauderdale, Mississippi.

47 (2) The sale and conveyance authorized under this section,
48 shall be made for a nominal consideration and upon such terms and
49 conditions as may be agreed upon by the Department of Finance and
50 Administration and Daleville United Methodist Church to be in the
51 best interests of both parties. However, as a condition to such
52 conveyance Daleville United Methodist Church shall agree to
53 maintain such property and improvements, including the burial site
54 and monument of Sam Dale, in perpetuity.

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