

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Public Property

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION, ACING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
3 HEALTH, TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MATTY
4 HERSEE HOSPITAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
7 Administration, acting on behalf of the Department of Mental
8 Health, upon meeting the requirements of Section 29-1-1,
9 Mississippi Code of 1972, may sell and convey all or part of
10 certain state-owned real property and any improvements located
11 thereon located in Lauderdale County, in the City of Meridian,
12 Mississippi, commonly known as the Matty Hersee Hospital, the
13 property being more particularly described as follows:

14 Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4
15 of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 15 East,
16 Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; thence East
17 34.00 feet to a point; thence North 30.00 feet to an
18 iron pin set at the intersection of the Northern
19 right-of-way of Valley Street and the Eastern
20 right-of-way of 53rd Avenue, and said pin being the
21 Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel of
22 land; thence with said Eastern right-of-way of 53rd
23 Avenue run North 00 degrees 38 Minutes 07 Seconds West
24 692.38 feet, more or less, passing an iron pin found at
25 349.96 feet to an iron pin set on the Southern
26 right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 19; thence leaving
27 said 53rd Avenue and with the right-of-way of Highway
28 19, run South 72 Degrees 55 Minutes 04 Seconds East

29 259.34 feet along said Southern right-of-way of
30 Mississippi Highway 19, passing a right-of-way monument
31 found at 205.27 feet and an iron pin found at 211.22
32 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 17 Degrees 05
33 Minutes 07 Seconds West 15.00 feet to an iron pin set;
34 thence South 72 Degrees 54 Minutes 53 Seconds East
35 150.00 feet to a right-of-way monument found
36 (disturbed); thence North 17 Degrees 22 Minutes 07
37 Seconds East 25.00 feet to a right-of-way monument on
38 the South right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 19; thence
39 South 73 Degrees 03 Minutes 29 Seconds East 315.62 feet
40 along said Southern right-of-way passing a right-of-way
41 monument found at 284.85 feet to an iron pin set; thence
42 along a curve to the right on the South right-of-way of
43 Mississippi Highway 19 472.42 feet, said curve having a
44 radius of 323.03 feet and a chord bearing and distance
45 of South 31 Degrees 09 Minutes 42 Seconds East 431.43
46 feet to a right-of-way monument on the Western
47 right-of-way of said Highway 19 and Highway 11; thence
48 along said Highway 11 right-of-way South 10 Degrees 44
49 Minutes 05 Seconds West 117.47 feet to an iron pin set
50 on the Northern right-of-way of Valley Street; thence
51 with said Northern right-of-way of Valley Street South
52 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 30 Seconds West 889.65 feet, more
53 or less, to the Point of Beginning and being a part of
54 the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 6
55 North, Range 15 East, Meridian, Lauderdale County,
56 Mississippi, and containing 11.36 acres, more or less,
57 less and except therefrom the 3.9 acres, more or less,
58 in the SW portion of the above described property
59 presently being occupied by the Lauderdale County Health
60 and Human Services Complex and the 1.44 acres, more or
61 less, in the NW portion of the above described property

62 presently being occupied by the Mississippi Highway
63 Patrol.

64 (2) The real property described in subsection (1) of this
65 section shall be sold for not less than the current fair market
66 value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)
67 appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be selected by the
68 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be certified
69 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing
70 and Certification Board. However, if no bid is received which is
71 equal to the current market value, the property may be sold at
72 auction to the highest bidder.

73 (3) Any funds received by the State of Mississippi for the
74 sale and conveyance of the real property described in subsection
75 (1) of the section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

76 (4) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights
77 to the real property sold and conveyed under this act. This
78 conveyance shall be subject to general drainage and utility
79 easements, public utilities, water, gas, and electrical
80 transmission facilities, roadway rights-of-way, and zoning and
81 subdivision ordinances of the City of Meridian, Lauderdale County,
82 Mississippi, whether recorded or not.

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