

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Corrections; Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2459

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE FROM THREE TO EIGHT YEARS THE MAXIMUM LEASE TERM FOR
3 WHICH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY LEASE
4 LAND OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-64. The commissioner is * * * directed to determine the
10 number of acres and location of land under the jurisdiction of the
11 department which are needed for security purposes and for Prison
12 Agricultural Enterprises. The commissioner * * * shall designate
13 and reserve such additional land for agricultural enterprise
14 projects of the department * * *, as he deems necessary. The
15 commissioner shall * * * recommend to the Department of Finance
16 and Administration the number of acres of department land which
17 should be leased to private entities and the term of the leases.
18 The Department of Finance and Administration may * * * lease for
19 agricultural purposes that Penitentiary land so recommended for
20 not less than one (1) nor more than eight (8) years, with the
21 approval of the Public Procurement Review Board.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2005.