

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 305**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

8           **SECTION 1.** (1) The board of supervisors of any county in  
9 which the Mississippi State Veterans Home or additional veterans  
10 homes authorized by Sections 35-1-19 through 35-1-29 are located,  
11 may levy an annual ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one  
12 (1) mill on all of the taxable property of the county, the avails  
13 of which shall be paid over to the State Treasurer and deposited  
14 into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury. Monies  
15 in the special fund may be expended, upon appropriation by the  
16 Legislature, to support the maintenance, operational and  
17 administrative expenses of the Mississippi State Veterans Home and  
18 additional homes authorized by Sections 35-1-19 through 35-1-29.  
19 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal  
20 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest  
21 earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of  
22 the fund.

23           (2) The taxes levied under subsection (1) of this section  
24 shall be excluded from the revenue increase limitation imposed  
25 under Section 27-39-321.

26           **SECTION 2.** Section 35-1-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
27 amended as follows:

28           35-1-23. The Mississippi State Veterans Home and additional  
29 homes authorized by Section 35-1-7 and Sections 35-1-19 through  
30 35-1-29 are authorized to accept funds from any source whatever,  
31 including the federal government or any department or agency  
32 thereof and monies from the special fund created under Section 1  
33 of House Bill No. 305, 2005 Regular Session. All such funds  
34 received by the veterans home, including funds from the United  
35 States or any federal agency or program for the support of persons  
36 housed or buried on the grounds of the Mississippi State Veterans  
37 Home and additional homes, shall be used by the State Veterans  
38 Affairs Board to pay maintenance, operational and administrative  
39 expenses and to further the object and purpose of the Mississippi  
40 State Veterans Home and additional homes.

41           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 2005.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
2 VETERANS HOME OR CERTAIN OTHER VETERANS HOMES ARE LOCATED, TO LEVY  
3 AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX TO SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONAL  
4 AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF STATE VETERANS HOMES; TO AMEND  
5 SECTION 35-1-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE  
6 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.