

By: Representatives Brown, Watson

To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 24

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN CERTAIN
2 COUNTIES TO COMPENSATE OR GRANT LEAVE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
3 UNABLE TO WORK AS A RESULT OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY HURRICANE KATRINA;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) From and after August 28, 2005, through
7 November 30, 2005, the board of supervisors of any county and the
8 governing authority of any municipality located in counties
9 eligible for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance
10 Program for damages to public facilities as a result of Hurricane
11 Katrina may pay the normal compensation or grant administrative or
12 compensatory leave to their employees who are:

13 (a) Unable to work at their normal job with the public
14 entity because of damage sustained to facilities of the public
15 entity as a result of Hurricane Katrina; or

16 (b) Unable to travel to work at their job because of
17 damage as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

18 (2) Local government entities who pay employees under this
19 section shall document the payments and the specific reasons
20 therefor in their official records.

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