

By: Representative Moak

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-2-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE SOLE LEGAL ADVISOR
3 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-2-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-2-21. The Attorney General shall be counsel and attorney
9 for the commission and the Department of Environmental Quality and
10 shall provide such legal services as may be requested from time to
11 time, without cost. The Attorney General shall be the sole legal
12 advisor of the commission and the department in all matters
13 relating to the commission and the department and to the powers
14 and duties of its officers.

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