

By: Representative Warren

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-35-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE FORMATION OF FLOOD AND DRAINAGE CONTROL  
3 DISTRICTS, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THIS SECTION; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 51-35-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 51-35-305. (1) Flood and drainage control districts may now  
9 or hereafter be organized in this state under the provisions of  
10 this article, in the manner hereinafter provided, whenever any  
11 part of such district lies wholly or partially in or adjacent to  
12 any part of a municipality having a population of ten thousand  
13 (10,000) or more inhabitants at the time of the filing of the  
14 petition to create such district. For the purposes of determining  
15 population of any municipality, the last completed census prior to  
16 the filing of such petition shall be presumed to be the population  
17 of such municipality at the time of the filing of such petition.  
18 Each flood and drainage control district shall be an agency of the  
19 state and a body politic and corporate, and may be composed of one  
20 or more entire municipalities or a part or parts thereof, one or  
21 more entire counties or a part or parts thereof, or any  
22 combination of counties and municipalities or a part or parts  
23 thereof.

24 (2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2008.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2006.