

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks; Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 689

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXPAYERS TO  
2 DESIGNATE ANY PORTION OF THEIR TAX REFUND FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE  
4 THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO  
5 SOLICIT AND RECEIVE GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
6 MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION AND TRANSFER  
7 SUCH GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Each resident individual taxpayer who files  
11 a Mississippi income tax return and who will receive a tax refund  
12 from the State Tax Commission may designate that a contribution be  
13 made to the "Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation"  
14 by marking the appropriate box printed on the return pursuant to  
15 this subsection. In the case of a joint return, each spouse may  
16 designate that a portion of the refund shall be paid to such  
17 foundation.

18 The State Tax Commission shall print on the Mississippi  
19 income tax form for residents a space for designating the  
20 contribution in substantially the following form:

21 **"MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION**

22 I wish to contribute ( ) \$1 ( ) \$5 ( ) \$10 ( ) Other  
23 \$\_\_\_\_\_ of my TAX REFUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND  
24 PARKS FOUNDATION."

25 (2) The State Tax Commission shall explain in the  
26 instructions accompanying the individual income tax form the  
27 purposes for which the contributions authorized herein shall be  
28 used.

29 (3) This section shall apply to taxable years beginning on  
30 or after January 1, 2006.

31           (4) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall determine  
32 annually the total amount designated by individuals to be paid to  
33 the foundation, along with all interest earned thereon, and shall  
34 report such amount to the State Treasurer who shall pay such  
35 amount to the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
36 Foundation.

37           **SECTION 2.** The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries  
38 and Parks may solicit and receive gifts, donations, contributions  
39 and other monies, including bequests and devises, on behalf of the  
40 Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation and, upon  
41 receipt thereof, shall transfer and remit such gifts, donations,  
42 contributions and monies so received to the foundation for its  
43 use.

44           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after its passage.