

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Public Property;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1207

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS AND  
2 EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE'S PROCEDURES TO DISPOSE OF STATE PROPERTY;  
3 TO EVALUATE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
4 ADMINISTRATION FOR PURPOSES OF REMOVING THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS  
5 FROM ITS AUTHORITY; TO MAKE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON  
6 TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a task force to study the  
9 effectiveness and efficiency of the state's procedures to dispose  
10 of state property. The study shall also consist of an evaluation  
11 and assessment of the Mississippi Department of Finance and  
12 Administration for the purpose of removing from under its  
13 authority the Bureau of Buildings. The task force shall make a  
14 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
15 recommended legislation to the Legislature by December 1, 2006.

16 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following ten  
17 (10) members:

18 (a) Three (3) members of the Mississippi House of  
19 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Mississippi House  
20 of Representatives;

21 (b) Three (3) members of the Mississippi Senate  
22 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi;

23 (c) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor of the  
24 State of Mississippi;

25 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
26 Department of Finance and Administration; and

27 (e) The Director of the Bureau of Buildings.

28 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
29 the effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days

30 thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the  
31 House and the Lieutenant Governor, the task force shall meet and  
32 organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice  
33 chairman. The vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and  
34 shall be responsible for keeping all records of the task force. A  
35 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a  
36 quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of  
37 rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority  
38 of the task force shall be required. All members shall be  
39 notified in writing of all meetings, such notices to be mailed at  
40 least fifteen (15) days before the date on which a meeting is to  
41 be held.

42 (4) The task force shall study and make recommendations  
43 regarding potential legalization addressing the effectiveness and  
44 efficiency of the state's procedures for disposing of state  
45 property. It shall also be the duty of the task force to study  
46 and make recommendations to the Legislature to remove the Bureau  
47 of Buildings from the authority of the Mississippi Department of  
48 Finance and Administration. The task force shall work and  
49 coordinate with various state agencies to better effectuate the  
50 study and to recommend viable solutions for more effective  
51 policies and procedures to dispose of state property.

52 (5) Members of the task force who are not legislators, state  
53 officials or state employees shall be compensated at the per diem  
54 rate authorized by Section 25-3-69 and shall be reimbursed in  
55 accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses  
56 incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members  
57 of the task force shall be paid from the contingent expense funds  
58 of their respective houses in the same manner as provided for  
59 committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session.  
60 However, no per diem or expense for attending meetings of the task  
61 force will be paid to legislative members of the task force while  
62 the Legislature is in session. No task force member may incur per

63 diem, travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by  
64 vote, at a meeting of the task force, which action shall be  
65 recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. Nonlegislative  
66 members shall be paid from any funds made available to the task  
67 force for that purpose.

68 (6) The task force shall use clerical and legal staff  
69 already employed by the Legislature and any other staff assistance  
70 made available to it. To effectuate the purposes of this section,  
71 any department, division, board, bureau, task force or agency of  
72 the state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the  
73 request of the chairman of the task force, provide to the task  
74 force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task  
75 force properly to carry out its task.

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