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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE
2 COSTS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES
3 OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND CRIMINAL INDIGENT DEFENSE IN
4 HANCOCK, HARRISON AND JACKSON COUNTIES THAT ARE ORDINARILY FUNDED
5 BY THE COUNTIES, BUT WHICH THE COUNTIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FUND
6 ADEQUATELY BECAUSE OF LOSS OF REVENUES AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE
7 KATRINA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND
8 ENDING JUNE 30, 2007.

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

10 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
11 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
12 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose specified in
13 Section 2, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act
14 and ending June 30, 2007..... \$4,530,668.47.

15 SECTION 2. The money appropriated by this act is for the
16 purpose of paying the costs of the circuit court and chancery
17 court departments, offices of the district attorneys and criminal
18 indigent defense in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties that
19 are ordinarily funded by the counties, but which the counties will
20 not be able to fund adequately because of loss of revenues as a
21 result of Hurricane Katrina. The money appropriated by this act
22 shall be allocated as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Office/Department, Hancock County, Harrison County, Jackson County. Rows include Circuit Court, Chancery Court, District Attorney, Indigent Defense, and TOTAL.

30           **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
31 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
32 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
33 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
34 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
35 officers in the manner provided by law.

36           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after its passage.