

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2776

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-2-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO  
3 HIRE ATTORNEYS; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROVIDE LEGAL  
4 COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED 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 \* \* \* and shall provide such  
10 legal services as may be requested \* \* \*. The Office of the  
11 Attorney General shall represent the commission and the department  
12 in all actions, proceedings and hearings and shall be legal  
13 advisor of the commission and the department in all matters  
14 relating to the commission and the department.

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