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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3034

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI INSTITUTE FOR  
3 FOREST INVENTORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Institute for Forest  
8 Inventory which is comprised of special source funds and donations  
9 collected by or otherwise available to the Institute for the  
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Institute for the period  
11 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
12 ..... \$ 295,142.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
15 under the authority of the State Personnel Board:

16 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

17	Permanent:	Full Time.....	3
18		Part Time.....	0
19	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
20		Part Time.....	0

21 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
22 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
23 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
24 Plan or Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00), whichever is greater,  
25 beginning on July 1, 2006.

26 Pursuant to policies established by the State Personnel  
27 Board, agency heads may, on a case by case basis and within funds

28 available, recommend equity salary adjustments to Fiscal Year 2006  
29 agency appropriation acts where application of limitations result  
30 in awarding one employee a salary increase greater than another  
31 employee within the same agency, with the same job classification  
32 series and greater longevity.

33 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
34 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
35 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
36 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
37 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
38 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
39 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
40 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
41 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
42 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
43 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
44 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
45 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
46 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
47 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
48 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
49 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
50 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
51 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
52 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
53 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
54 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written

61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
63 appropriated level.

64 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
65 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
66 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
67 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

68 **SECTION 3.** This appropriation is made for the purpose of  
69 providing funds to defray the expenses of the Mississippi  
70 Institute for Forest Inventory as established in Section  
71 49-19-403, Mississippi Code of 1972.

72 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
73 Mississippi Institute for Forest Inventory is hereby authorized to  
74 accept, budget and expend funds, not to exceed One Million Dollars  
75 (\$1,000,000.00), from any source in accordance with rules and  
76 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a  
77 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

78 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
79 the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds  
80 as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal  
81 Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants  
82 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers  
83 in the manner provided by law.

84 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
85 and after July 1, 2006.