

**Withdrawn  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 206**

**BY: Representative McBride**

1           **AMEND** by striking all after the enacting clause.

2           **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following words shall  
3 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly  
4 requires otherwise:

5                   (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date  
6 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
7 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
8 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
9 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
10 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
11 maturity.

12                   (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

13                   (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

14           **SECTION 2.** (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the  
15 "Local Economic Development Projects Improvements Fund" is created  
16 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the  
17 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart  
18 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining  
19 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
20 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment  
21 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

22                   (b) Monies in the fund shall be disbursed, in the  
23 discretion of the Mississippi Development Authority, to counties

24 to assist in paying costs incurred for purchasing real property  
25 and options on real property, construction and development of  
26 buildings, facilities, infrastructure and other improvements to  
27 property, and conducting engineering, environmental and related  
28 surveys or studies necessary to improve and enhance any site for  
29 the recruitment, location and/or retention of a major economic  
30 development project. In order for a site to be eligible under  
31 this section, the site must have received megasite, super site or  
32 comparable certification or designation by an entity such as the  
33 Tennessee Valley Authority or similar entity.

34 (2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall  
35 establish a program to make funds available to counties for the  
36 purposes described in this section. A county desiring assistance  
37 under this section must submit an application to the Mississippi  
38 Development Authority. The application must include a description  
39 of the project for which assistance is requested, the cost of the  
40 project for which assistance is requested, the amount of  
41 assistance requested and any other information required by the  
42 authority. Before providing funds to a county under this section,  
43 the Mississippi Development Authority shall require that the  
44 county or state have received binding commitments from the owner  
45 or operator of the project that the project will locate and/or  
46 remain the county if the funds are provided.

47 (b) The Mississippi Development Authority shall have  
48 all powers necessary to implement and administer the program  
49 established under this section, and the authority shall promulgate  
50 rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi  
51 Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of  
52 this section.

53 **SECTION 3.** (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to  
54 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of  
55 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide

56 funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes  
57 described in Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a  
58 resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the  
59 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general  
60 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Mississippi  
61 Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its  
62 resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such  
63 resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the  
64 issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and  
65 accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and  
66 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection  
67 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of  
68 bonds issued under this act shall not exceed Fourteen Million Five  
69 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000.00).

70 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the  
71 special fund created in Section 2 of this act shall be used to pay  
72 debt service on bonds issued under this act, in accordance with  
73 the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

74 **SECTION 4.** The principal of and interest on the bonds  
75 authorized under this act shall be payable in the manner provided  
76 in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in  
77 such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or  
78 rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,  
79 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places  
80 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature  
81 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)  
82 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such  
83 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall  
84 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in  
85 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the  
86 commission.

87           **SECTION 5.** The bonds authorized by this act shall be signed  
88 by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature,  
89 and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,  
90 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest  
91 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by  
92 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such  
93 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign  
94 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who  
95 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery  
96 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such  
97 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds  
98 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all  
99 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially  
100 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to  
101 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may  
102 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,  
103 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of  
104 the State of Mississippi.

105           **SECTION 6.** All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
106 provisions of this act have all the qualities and incidents of  
107 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform  
108 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this act,  
109 the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with  
110 the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

111           **SECTION 7.** The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
112 the bonds authorized under this act, prescribe the form of the  
113 bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so  
114 authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such  
115 issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and  
116 advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds.  
117 The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that  
118 are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds

119 authorized under this act from the proceeds derived from the sale  
120 of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed  
121 bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be  
122 for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such  
123 sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest  
124 to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All  
125 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable  
126 semiannually or annually; however, the first interest payment may  
127 be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

128 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at  
129 least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
130 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
131 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
132 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
133 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
134 commission.

135 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
136 this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of  
137 Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the  
138 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or  
139 dates named therein.

140 **SECTION 8.** The bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
141 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the  
142 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of  
143 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by  
144 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the  
145 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency  
146 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State  
147 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain  
148 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of  
149 this section.

150           **SECTION 9.** Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
151 provisions of this act, the commission shall transfer the proceeds  
152 of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in Section 2  
153 of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely  
154 upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such  
155 restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution  
156 providing for the issuance of the bonds.

157           **SECTION 10.** The bonds authorized under this act may be  
158 issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other  
159 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and  
160 things which are specified or required by this act. Any  
161 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the  
162 provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its  
163 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
164 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
165 of its members.

166           **SECTION 11.** The bonds authorized under the authority of this  
167 act may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial  
168 District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the  
169 force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi  
170 Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school  
171 district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by  
172 such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or  
173 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

174           **SECTION 12.** Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
175 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto  
176 may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or  
177 other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted  
178 under this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and  
179 compel performance of all duties required by this act to be  
180 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and  
181 interest thereon.

182           **SECTION 13.** All bonds issued under the provisions of this  
183 act shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries,  
184 and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies  
185 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such  
186 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and  
187 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state  
188 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose  
189 of securing the deposit of public funds.

190           **SECTION 14.** Bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
191 and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the  
192 State of Mississippi.

193           **SECTION 15.** The proceeds of the bonds issued under this act  
194 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including  
195 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

196           **SECTION 16.** The State Treasurer is authorized, without  
197 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
198 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
199 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
200 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
201 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
202 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this act; and the State  
203 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated  
204 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to  
205 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates  
206 thereof.

207           **SECTION 17.** This act shall be deemed to be full and complete  
208 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this  
209 act shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any  
210 existing law of this state.

211           **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
212 and after its passage.