

By: Representatives Reeves, Walley, Staples

To: Oil, Gas and Other
Minerals

HOUSE BILL NO. 819

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI GULF PRODUCING STATES TRUST
2 FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT MONEY IN THE TRUST FUND SHALL BE
3 APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT,
4 REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION OF COASTAL RESOURCES, PREPAREDNESS
5 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT AND THE "GULF OF
6 MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2006" BEING A PART OF THE "TAX
7 RELIEF AND HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2006," PUBLIC LAW NO. 109-432, THAT
8 PROVIDES FOR THE DISPOSITION AND ALLOCATION OF QUALIFIED OUTER
9 CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES TO GULF PRODUCING STATES AND COASTAL
10 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** There is created the "Mississippi Gulf Producing
13 States Trust Fund," hereafter referred to as the "trust fund" to
14 be held as a separate fund within the State Treasury. The fund
15 shall consist of monies received by the state from monies
16 allocated to it pursuant to the "Gulf of Mexico Energy Security
17 Act of 2006" being a part of the "Tax Relief and Health Care Act
18 of 2006" (Public Law No. 109-432). The principal of the fund
19 shall remain inviolate and shall be invested as provided by law.
20 Interest earned on the principal therein shall be credited by the
21 treasurer to the fund. Only the interest and income derived from
22 investment of principal of the trust fund may be expended.
23 Unexpended and unencumbered amounts in the trust fund at the end
24 of each fiscal year shall not lapse.

25 **SECTION 2.** (1) Monies in the trust fund may be expended,
26 upon legislative approval, and in compliance with federal laws,
27 for the following purposes:

28 (a) Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal
29 protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane
30 protection and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland
31 losses.

32 (b) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife or natural
33 resources.

34 (c) Implementation of a federally approved marine,
35 coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan.

36 (d) Mitigation of the impact of outer continental shelf
37 activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects.

38 (e) Not more than three percent (3%) of the amounts
39 received for planning assistance and the administrative costs of
40 complying with this act.

41 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2007.