

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

## HOUSE BILL NO. 908

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HINDS COUNTY TO HOUSE STATE INMATES IN A  
4 REGIONAL FACILITY; TO ALLOW HINDS COUNTY TO HOUSE 450 STATE  
5 INMATES IN A REGIONAL FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its  
10 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or  
11 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by  
12 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and  
13 control of not more than three hundred (300) offenders, except for  
14 Hinds County which may contract for the housing, care and control  
15 of not more than four hundred fifty (450) offenders, who are in  
16 the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or  
17 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,  
18 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American  
19 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all  
20 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of  
21 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter  
22 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections  
23 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders  
24 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,  
25 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey  
26 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in  
27 Jefferson County.

28           (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the  
29 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state  
30 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;  
31 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River  
32 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba  
33 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which  
34 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and  
35 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved  
36 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards  
37 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in  
38 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county,  
39 (b) Chickasaw County; \* \* \* (c) George and Greene Counties; and  
40 (d) Hinds County. The Department of Corrections shall decide the  
41 order of priority of the counties listed in this subsection with  
42 which it will contract for the housing of state inmates. For the  
43 purposes of this subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any  
44 jail that the local grand jury determines should be condemned or  
45 has found to be of substandard condition or in need of substantial  
46 repair or reconstruction.

47           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
48 and after July 1, 2007.