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To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY, UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
3 ADMINISTRATION, TO RELOCATE CERTAIN OFFICES TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
4 TRAINING ACADEMY IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM  
6 LEASE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Public Safety,  
10 upon consultation with the Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, is authorized to relocate the existing offices of  
12 the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, the Mississippi Crime  
13 Laboratory, and the Public Safety Planning Division, currently  
14 located at 1900 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Hinds County,  
15 Mississippi, to the Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy  
16 property, located at 5000 Highway 468 East, Pearl, Rankin County,  
17 Mississippi.

18 (2) The Department of Public Safety shall have the power and  
19 discretion to enter into, sign, execute and deliver long-term or  
20 multiyear leases of real and personal property with the Department  
21 of Mental Health.

22 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is hereby created a study committee  
23 for the purpose of studying the relocation of the State Tax  
24 Commission from its existing location to Rankin County,  
25 Mississippi. The study committee shall also study and consider  
26 the sale or long-term lease of the Robert E. Lee Building, located  
27 at the southwest intersection of Lamar and Griffith Streets in  
28 Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. The committee shall be  
29 composed of the respective Chairmen of the House and Senate Public

30 Property Committees, three (3) House members appointed by the  
31 Speaker and three (3) Senate members appointed by the Lieutenant  
32 Governor. The committee shall meet and determine the highest and  
33 best use of the current Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, State  
34 Tax Commission and Robert E. Lee Building properties and report to  
35 the Legislature by December 31, 2007.

36 Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the  
37 enactment of this act; and, within fifteen (15) days thereafter on  
38 a day to be designated jointly by the President of the Senate and  
39 the Speaker of the House, the committee shall meet and organize by  
40 selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The  
41 vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and shall be  
42 responsible for keeping all records of the committee. A majority  
43 of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. In the  
44 selection of its officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions  
45 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of  
46 the joint committee from each house shall be required. All  
47 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, such notices  
48 to be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the date on which a  
49 meeting is to be held. Members of the committee shall be paid  
50 from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in  
51 the same manner as provided for committee meetings when the  
52 Legislature is not in session.

53 (2) No action shall be taken with respect to any sale, lease  
54 or development of the real property described in subsection (1) of  
55 this section without specific legislative act.

56 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
57 and after its passage.