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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1679

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND RELATED
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
14 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular
17 Session of 2008 and providing contingent funds for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
21 matching funds and daily
22 expense allowance of members
23 of the House of Representatives..... \$3,813,308.00

24 For Contingent Fund for the
25 House of Representatives..... \$5,176,153.00

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
 33 matching funds and daily
 34 expense allowance of members
 35 of the Senate..... \$1,704,244.00
 36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate..... \$4,228,347.00
 37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
 38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
 39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of
 40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate
 41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi
 42 Code of 1972.
 43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of
 44 Representatives and the Senate..... \$1,432,080.00
 45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
 46 Budget Committee..... \$2,978,600.00
 47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
 48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
 49 and Expenditure Review..... \$2,182,745.00
 50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
 51 Reapportionment Committee..... \$ 146,295.00
 52 For the expenses of the Joint Committee on
 53 Compilation, Revision and Publication of
 54 Legislation..... \$ 300,000.00
 55 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall
 56 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of
 57 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line
 58 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and
 59 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint
 60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint
 61 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state
 62 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

63 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
 64 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Working

65 Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for
66 the purpose of defraying the expenses of the performance review of
67 Mississippi state government by the Joint Legislative Committee on
68 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, for the fiscal year
69 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
70 \$ 100,000.00.

71 The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
72 Expenditure Review (PEER) shall have the authority to escalate its
73 budget and expend funds from any special fund sources in
74 accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance
75 and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
76 federal funds. The authority granted in this section is provided
77 for the purpose of paying the expenses of the performance review
78 of Mississippi state government in an amount no greater than Six
79 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00).

80 Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the
81 Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
82 Expenditure Review (PEER) oversee a performance review of
83 Mississippi state government to be funded through any public or
84 private funds specifically appropriated to conduct such a review
85 in Fiscal Year 2008.

86 To achieve the ends provided for herein, the PEER Committee
87 may call upon the staffs of state agencies to provide expertise
88 needed to conduct this review, and may from funds specifically
89 appropriated for the review, hire any contractor the committee
90 considers necessary and proper to complete the statewide
91 performance evaluation of state government. Within ninety (90)
92 days of the conclusion of the 2007 Regular Session, the PEER
93 Committee shall prepare and present to the Speaker of the House
94 and the Lt. Governor a proposed evaluation methodology and
95 identification of experts needed to complete the review. The
96 Speaker of the House and the Lt. Governor shall review the
97 proposed methodology and either approve or disapprove the

98 methodology and suggested experts. The PEER Committee shall not
99 expend any funds appropriate for the purpose of conducting the
100 evaluation of state government until the methodology and suggested
101 experts have been approved by the Speaker of the House and the Lt.
102 Governor.

103 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
104 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
105 to the credit of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee,
106 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative
107 Reapportionment Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
108 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
109 \$ 45,125.00.

110 **SECTION 4.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
111 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
112 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
113 the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature,
114 as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
115 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, as
116 follows:

117 For the House of Representatives..... \$2,169,684.00.
118 For the Senate..... \$ 942,187.00.

119 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
120 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
121 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
122 the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year
123 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
124 \$ 366,258.00.

125 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following
126 distribution shall be made:

127 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 33,301.00
128 Southern Growth Policies Agreement....\$ 31,332.00
129 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 217,129.00
130 National Conference of Commissioners

131 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 34,408.00

132 The Energy Council.....\$ 50,088.00

133 **SECTION 6.** The Legislature shall have the authority to
134 escalate its budget and expend funds from the Legislative
135 Extraordinary Session Expense Revolving Fund, as authorized in
136 Section 5-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules
137 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
138 a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. The
139 authority granted in this section is provided for the purpose of
140 paying the expenses of the members of the Legislature incurred
141 during any Extraordinary Session of the Legislature occurring
142 during the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
143 June 30, 2008.

144 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
145 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for
146 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
147 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
148 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
149 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
150 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
151 made without competitive bids.

152 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
153 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
154 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
155 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
156 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
157 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

158 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
159 and after July 1, 2007.