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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1679  
(As Sent to Governor)

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..... \$3,837,302.00

24 For Contingent Fund for the  
25 House of Representatives..... \$5,123,376.00

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..... \$1,714,862.00  
 36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate..... \$4,248,455.00  
 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..... \$1,437,273.00  
 45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
 46 Budget Committee..... \$2,994,914.00  
 47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
 48 Committee on Performance Evaluation  
 49 and Expenditure Review..... \$2,196,680.00  
 50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
 51 Reapportionment Committee..... \$ 146,733.00  
 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 sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 64 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury

65 to the credit of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee,  
66 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
67 Reapportionment Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
68 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
69 ..... \$ 45,125.00.

70 **SECTION 3.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
71 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
72 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
73 the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature,  
74 as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
75 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, as  
76 follows:

77 For the House of Representatives..... \$2,194,056.00.  
78 For the Senate..... \$ 952,757.00.

79 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
80 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
81 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
82 the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year  
83 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
84 ..... \$ 356,036.00.

85 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following  
86 distribution shall be made:

87 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 29,077.00  
88 Southern Growth Policies Agreement....\$ 26,833.00  
89 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 230,926.00  
90 National Conference of Commissioners  
91 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 37,200.00  
92 The Energy Council.....\$ 32,000.00

93 **SECTION 5.** The Legislature shall have the authority to  
94 escalate its budget and expend funds from the Legislative  
95 Extraordinary Session Expense Revolving Fund, as authorized in  
96 Section 5-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules  
97 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in

98 a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. The  
99 authority granted in this section is provided for the purpose of  
100 paying the expenses of the members of the Legislature incurred  
101 during any Extraordinary Session of the Legislature occurring  
102 during the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
103 June 30, 2008.

104       **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
105 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for  
106 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
107 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
108 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
109 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
110 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
111 made without competitive bids.

112       **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

118       **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
119 and after July 1, 2007.