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To: Local and Private  
Legislation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1734

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, AND OF THE NATCHEZ WATER WORKS IN ADAMS  
3 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS SEWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
4 WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY  
5 OF NATCHEZ; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section  
8 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing  
9 authorities of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, and the Board of  
10 Water Commissioners of the Natchez Water Works in Adams County,  
11 Mississippi, in their discretion, may construct, expand, operate  
12 and maintain that portion of the Water and Sewer Distribution  
13 System of the City of Natchez and of the Natchez Water Works that  
14 pertains to providing sewer services only, for a distance not to  
15 exceed fifteen (15) miles from the corporate limits of the City of  
16 Natchez within any area not otherwise certificated to another  
17 water or sewer utility system for such service, upon obtaining a  
18 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the  
19 Mississippi Public Service Commission. Whenever such utility  
20 service is furnished to any customer outside the corporate limits  
21 of the City of Natchez, the consumer may not be charged at a rate  
22 greater than twice the rate charged for the same service within  
23 the corporate limits of the City of Natchez.

24 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be  
25 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et  
26 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, as to the requirements  
27 for obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity,

28 the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate  
29 rates or any of the provisions of that law.

30         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after its passage.