

By: Representatives Johnson, Cockerham, Mims

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1734

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

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

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

22 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be
23 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et
24 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, as to the requirements
25 for obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity,
26 the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate
27 rates or any of the provisions of that law.

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