

By: Representatives Johnson, Cockerham, Mims

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1734
(As Passed the House)

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 TO A
4 CERTAIN LOCATION OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
5 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, Adams County,
10 Mississippi, and the Board of Water Commissioners of the Natchez
11 Water Works in Adams County, Mississippi, in their discretion, may
12 construct, expand, operate and maintain that portion of the Water
13 and Sewer Distribution System of the City of Natchez and of the
14 Natchez Water Works that pertains to providing sewer services only
15 to the site of a proposed capital improvement project approved by
16 the governing authorities of the City of Natchez.

17 (2) Nothing in this act shall enlarge or extend the utility
18 franchise of the City of Natchez or the Natchez Water Works except
19 as specifically set forth in subsection (1) of this section; nor
20 shall this act be construed as diminishing or altering the
21 franchise of any utility through which the sewer line shall pass
22 except as set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

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

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