

By: Representatives Johnson, Cockerham, Mims

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1734
(As Sent to Governor)

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, 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 to the site of a
15 proposed capital improvement project approved by the governing
16 authorities of the City of Natchez and the Board of Supervisors of
17 Adams County.

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

24 (3) 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.