HOUSE BILL NO. 1774
(As Passed the House)

1   AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF PONTOTOC,
2 UNION AND LEE COUNTIES TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE THREE RIVERS
3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF
4 ASSISTING THE DISTRICT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTIES
5 SERVED BY THE DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF
6 PONTOTOC, UNION AND LEE COUNTIES TO LEVY A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX
7 TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9   **SECTION 1.** The Boards of Supervisors of Pontotoc, Union and

10 Lee Counties are authorized to participate with the Three Rivers

11 Planning and Development District, Inc.

12   **SECTION 2.** The following words and phrases shall have the

13 meanings ascribed in this section:

14   (a) "District" means the Three Rivers Planning and

15 Development District, Inc.

16   (b) "PUL Alliance" means an alliance of Pontotoc, Union

17 and Lee Counties established under the Regional Economic

18 Development Act (Section 57-64-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of

19 1972).

20   **SECTION 3.** The Boards of Supervisors of Pontotoc, Union and

21 Lee Counties are authorized to participate with the district for

22 the purpose of assisting the district in economic development in

23 the counties served by the district.

24   **SECTION 4.** The Boards of Supervisors of Pontotoc, Union and

25 Lee Counties shall have the following powers related to their

26 participation with the district:

27   (a) To execute any contracts and other instruments and

28 take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the

29 purposes of Section 3 of this act;

30   (b) To enter into agreements with the district
31 regarding action to be taken by the boards of supervisors in
32 carrying out the purposes of Section 3 of this act;

33   (c) To enter into leases for real property, as
34 necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of Section 3 of
35 this act, for terms not to exceed forty (40) years; however, such
36 leases shall be related to the purchase of real property for the
37 initiatives of the PUL Alliance and a certificate of public
38 convenience and necessity shall have been issued pursuant to
39 Section 57-64-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a project related
40 to the real property; and

41   (d) To do any and all things not otherwise prohibited
42 by law, that are necessary, useful or convenient to aid and
43 cooperate with the district and the PUL Alliance.

44   **SECTION 5.** In addition to any other authority granted by
45 law, the Boards of Supervisors of Pontotoc, Union and Lee Counties
46 are authorized to annually levy a special ad valorem tax in an
47 amount not to exceed two (2) mills on all taxable property within
48 their county to carry out the provisions of this act. The tax
49 shall be in addition to all other tax levies provided by law. Any
50 millage imposed pursuant to this section shall be excluded from
51 the ten percent (10%) increase limitation under Section 27-39-321,
52 Mississippi Code of 1972, and any other limitation on the increase
53 of ad valorem taxes. The taxes levied pursuant to this section
54 shall be levied for specific purposes and shall cease to be levied
55 when the debt of the district is eliminated for the specific
56 purpose for which it was levied.

57   **SECTION 6.** The Boards of Supervisors of Pontotoc, Union and
58 Lee Counties are authorized to appropriate funds to the district
59 from any available funds to assist the district in carrying out
60 the provisions of this act.

61   **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after its passage.

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