

By: Senator(s) Wilemon

To: Public Property;  
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2029

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
2 ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON  
3 WOODALL MOUNTAIN IN TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE  
4 PURPOSE OF CREATING A TOURIST ATTRACTION; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and  
8 Administration, upon meeting the requirements of Section 29-1-1,  
9 may purchase a parcel of real property not to exceed two (2) acres  
10 located on Woodall Mountain in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, for  
11 the purpose of creating a tourist attraction.

12 (2) The real property described in subsection (1) of this  
13 section shall be purchased for not more than the current fair  
14 market value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)  
15 appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be selected by the  
16 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be certified  
17 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing  
18 and Certification Board. The amount paid by the State of  
19 Mississippi for this purchase shall not be more than Twenty-five  
20 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

21 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration may obtain  
22 appraisals of the property, abstracts and surveys and engage the  
23 services of attorneys to conduct the transaction described in this  
24 section. The department may obtain title insurance on the real  
25 property if it determines that the best interest of the department  
26 would be served.

27           (4) The real property described in subsection (1) of this  
28 section shall be maintained by the Department of Wildlife,  
29 Fisheries and Parks, and shall be used as a tourist attraction.

30           (5) The Department of Transportation shall construct and  
31 maintain an access road to the real property described in  
32 subsection (1).

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