

By: Senator(s) Wilemon

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

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.

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

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

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

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