

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Corrections; Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2597

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TERM FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASES BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-64. The * * * commissioner * * * is hereby directed to
8 determine the number of acres and location of land under its
9 jurisdiction which are needed for security purposes and for Prison
10 Agricultural Enterprises. The commissioner * * * shall designate
11 and reserve such additional land for agricultural enterprise
12 projects of the department * * *, as he deems necessary.
13 The * * * commissioner * * * shall then recommend to the
14 Department of Finance and Administration the number of acres of
15 department land which should be leased to private entities and the
16 term of the leases. The Department of Finance and Administration
17 shall have the authority to lease for agricultural purposes that
18 Penitentiary land so recommended for not less than three (3) nor
19 more than eight (8) years, with the approval of the Public
20 Procurement Review Board.

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