

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2655

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION, UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF THE PUBLIC
3 PROPERTY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO
4 SELL AND CONVEY OR LEASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 239 NORTH LAMAR
5 STREET IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, KNOWN AS
6 THE "ROBERT E. LEE BUILDING"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) After consulting with the Chairmen of the
9 Public Property Committees of the Senate and House of
10 Representatives, the Department of Finance and Administration may
11 sell and convey or lease, whichever is determined to be in the
12 best interest of the State of Mississippi, the state-owned
13 property known as the "Robert E. Lee Building" and located at 239
14 North Lamar Street in the City of Jackson, Hinds County,
15 Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

16 The East One Hundred and Seventy Feet (170 ft) of
17 the hereinafter described property which is the
18 East 170 ft of Parcel "A" in Hinds County Deed Book
19 1822 at page 136. Beginning at the Southwest
20 intersection of Griffith Street and Lamar Street as
21 same are now (January 1966) laid out and improved and
22 run thence West along the South line of Griffith Street
23 for a distance of 180 feet, more or less, to the
24 Northwest corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed
25 to the Gammill Company by Deed recorded in Book 237,
26 Page 443, run thence Southerly and along the West line
27 of said parcel for 144 feet, more or less, to the
28 Southwest corner of said parcel; turn thence to the
29 left and run West 21.5 feet, more or less, to the

30 Northeast corner of that certain parcel of land
31 conveyed to Gammill Investment Company by Warranty
32 Deed recorded in Book 246, Page 149, run thence West
33 or Westerly and along the South line of Lots 23, 22,
34 21, 20 and 19 to a point which is 18 feet West of the
35 Southeast corner of Lot 18 of Richard Griffith's
36 Subdivision, according to a map or plat thereof on
37 file and of record in the office of the Chancery
38 Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in
39 Plat Book A, Page 297, thence run Southerly to the
40 Northwest corner of Lot 8 of the McQuaid Fitzgerald
41 Subdivision as per plat Book 2, page 50; thence
42 Easterly and along the North line of Lots 8 through
43 20, inclusively, of said Subdivision to the Southeast
44 corner of that certain parcel conveyed to the Gammill
45 Investment Company by instrument recorded in Book 246,
46 Page 149; thence run Easterly and along the North line
47 of the property which formerly belonged to the Sisters
48 of Mercy to a point in the West line of Lamar Street
49 which point is the Southeast corner of that certain
50 parcel of land conveyed to Sutton by instrument
51 recorded in Book 167, Page 319, thence Northerly
52 along the West line of Lamar Street 241.2 feet, more
53 or less, to the point of beginning, being all property
54 of the Grantor herein bounded on the East by Lamar
55 Street, on the North by Griffith Street, on the South
56 by the property formerly owned by the Sisters of Mercy,
57 McQuaid Street and McQuaid Fitzgerald Subdivision, and
58 on the West by Farish Street, as said streets are
59 presently laid out and improved. The grantor herein
60 does convey to the Grantee all of the property that
61 they own bordered by the above mentioned description,
62 whether properly described or not.

63 The above conveyance shall be accompanied by a long
64 term lease (up to 30 years) for use of a certain portion
65 of the Parking Garage which is known as the Robert E.
66 Lee Parking Garage. Said Parking Garage is located
67 immediately West of the above described property and
68 access to the garage is also granted from State owned
69 property immediately South of the above described
70 property. Access to the said Parking Garage is also
71 available directly from Griffith Street. The details
72 of the parking arrangement and access thereto will be
73 formalized in the conveyance document.

74 (2) Money derived from the sale of state-owned property
75 authorized in this act shall be deposited into the State General
76 Fund.

77 (3) The State of Mississippi shall retain the right to
78 repurchase the real property sold pursuant to this act in the
79 event such property is not used, or ceases to be used for the
80 intended purpose, or is otherwise abandoned by the purchaser.

81 (4) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights
82 to the real property sold pursuant to this act.

83 (5) The provisions of this act shall stand repealed from and
84 after September 1, 2008. However, any contract or lease entered
85 into by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to
86 this act before September 1, 2008, shall remain in effect until
87 the expiration of the contract or lease.

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