

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2679

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL CONTRACT WITH  
3 THE KEMPER/NESHOBA REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO HOUSE FEMALE  
4 OFFENDERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its  
9 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or  
10 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by  
11 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and  
12 control of not more than three hundred (300) offenders who are in  
13 the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or  
14 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,  
15 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American  
16 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all  
17 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of  
18 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter  
19 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections  
20 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders  
21 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,  
22 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey  
23 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in  
24 Jefferson County.

25 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the  
26 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state  
27 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;  
28 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River

29 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba  
30 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which  
31 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and  
32 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved  
33 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards  
34 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in  
35 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county,  
36 (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene Counties. The  
37 Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of  
38 the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract  
39 for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this  
40 subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the  
41 local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found to be  
42 of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or  
43 reconstruction.

44 (3) In addition to the number of offenders authorized to be  
45 housed under subsection (1) of this section, the Department of  
46 Corrections shall contract with the Kemper and Neshoba regional  
47 facility to provide for housing, care and control of not more than  
48 seventy-five (75) female offenders who are in the custody of the  
49 State of Mississippi.

50 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
51 and after July 1, 2007.