

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Little, Posey,  
Dearing, Frazier, Jackson (15th), Lee (47th)

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3142  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE  
2 WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN  
3 SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
8 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the  
9 purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
10 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
11 June 30, 2008..... \$ 134,189.00.

12 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
16 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal  
17 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
18 ..... \$ 197,897.00.

19 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	2
23		Part Time.....	1
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
25		Part Time.....	0

26 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
27 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

28 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
29 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
30 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
31 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

32 **SECTION 4.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or  
33 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of  
34 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
35 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
36 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
37 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

38 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles  
39 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply  
40 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
42 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
43 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
44 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
45 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
46 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
47 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
48 made without competitive bids.

49 **SECTION 6.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
50 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
51 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
52 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

53 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
54 the following criteria:

55 (a) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

56 (b) Evaluate effectiveness through respected  
57 advertising standards, including market reach and cost  
58 effectiveness.

59 (c) Seek public service announcements, which would be  
60 aired by media without cost.

61           (d) Itemize and justify professional assistance and  
62 related expenses for creative and production costs outside of the  
63 actual media expenditures.

64           (e) Utilize Mississippi-owned media companies when  
65 feasible.

66           **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
68 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
69 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
70 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
71 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

72           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
73 and after July 1, 2007.