

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Local and Private;  
Public Utilities

SENATE BILL NO. 3188

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM A  
3 CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF  
4 NATCHEZ; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section  
7 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing  
8 authorities of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, and the Board of  
9 Water Commissioners of the Natchez Water Works in Adams County,  
10 Mississippi, in their discretion, may construct, expand, operate  
11 and maintain the water distribution system and sewer system of the  
12 City of Natchez and the Natchez Water Works for a distance not to  
13 exceed fifteen (15) miles from the corporate limits of the City of  
14 Natchez within any area not otherwise certificated to another  
15 water or sewer utility system for such service. Whenever such  
16 utility service is furnished to any customer outside the corporate  
17 limits of the City of Natchez, the consumer may not be charged at  
18 a rate greater than twice the rate charged for the same service  
19 within the corporate limits of the City of Natchez.

20 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be  
21 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et  
22 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, as to the requirements  
23 for obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity,  
24 the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Public Service Commission to  
25 regulate rates or any of the provisions of that law.

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