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To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3222

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 823, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1988,  
2 TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION  
3 COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 823, Local and Private Laws of 1988, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 Section 1. (1) The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County,  
8 Mississippi, is hereby authorized and empowered, in its  
9 discretion, to establish a county beautification commission.

10 (2) Until the effective date of Senate Bill No. 3222, 2007  
11 Regular Session, the county beautification commission shall be  
12 composed of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed in the  
13 following manner: five (5) members shall be appointed by a  
14 majority vote of the board of supervisors, with one (1) member  
15 being appointed from each supervisor district in the county; six  
16 (6) members to be appointed by the six (6) chambers of commerce in  
17 the county, with one (1) of such members being appointed by each  
18 of such chambers of commerce; and four (4) members to be appointed  
19 by the mayors of the four (4) municipalities in the county, with  
20 one (1) of such members being appointed by each of such mayors.  
21 Each commissioner so appointed shall serve for a term to run  
22 concurrent with the term of a member of the board of supervisors;  
23 however, the term of the members serving on the effective date of  
24 Senate Bill No. 3222, 2007 Regular Session, shall be terminated  
25 upon the effective date of such act. Any vacancy in the office of  
26 a commissioner shall be filled by the board of supervisors, the  
27 chamber of commerce in such county, or mayor of the municipality,

28 as the case may be, in the same manner as the original  
29 appointment, and the appointee shall serve only until expiration  
30 of the term of his immediate predecessor.

31 (3) From and after the effective date of Senate Bill No.  
32 3222, 2007 Regular Session, the county beautification commission  
33 shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be appointed in  
34 the following manner: one (1) member shall be appointed by each  
35 member of the board of supervisors from the appointing supervisors  
36 district and two (2) members shall be appointed from the county at  
37 large by a majority vote of the board of supervisors. Each  
38 commissioner so appointed shall serve for a term to run concurrent  
39 with the term of a member of the board of supervisors. Any  
40 vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall be filled in the  
41 same manner as the original appointment, and the appointee shall  
42 serve only until expiration of the term of his immediate  
43 predecessor.

44 Section 2. (1) If the Board of Supervisors of Harrison  
45 County, Mississippi, establishes a county beautification  
46 commission as authorized under Section 1 of this act, then the  
47 board of supervisors shall be:

48 (a) Authorized to expend monies not to exceed Fifty  
49 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) annually, out of any available funds  
50 of the county for the operation of the beautification commission,  
51 including the hiring of necessary personnel, and such expenses  
52 related to education, advertising and any other expenses  
53 incidental to the purposes and intent of the commission. However,  
54 employees of the commission shall be under the direct control and  
55 supervision of the county beautification commission. No  
56 expenditures shall be made by the commission except in accordance  
57 with a budget approved by the board of supervisors.

58 (b) Authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of any  
59 other law to the contrary, to appropriate funds not to exceed the  
60 amount authorized in this section, to the county beautification

61 commission from the road and bridge fund of the county when  
62 necessary for an expenditure by the commission for any project  
63 related to county roads.

64 (c) Authorized to accept grants, gifts and donations  
65 not to exceed the amount authorized in this section, from public  
66 and private sources for the use of the county beautification  
67 commission, upon appropriation by the board, in its purposes as  
68 set forth in this act.

69 (2) If the Board of Supervisors of Harrison County  
70 establishes a county beautification commission as authorized under  
71 Section 1 of this act, then the board of supervisors may adopt  
72 such rules, regulations and ordinances as, in its discretion, it  
73 deems necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the  
74 county beautification commission.

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