

27 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 7,000.00
 28 Total..... \$ 5,544,549.00

29 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

30 Permanent: Full Time..... 72
 31 Part Time..... 1
 32 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 0
 33 Part Time..... 0

34 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
 35 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
 36 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
 37 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
 38 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

39 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
 40 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
 41 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
 42 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
 43 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
 44 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
 45 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
 46 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
 47 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
 48 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
 49 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
 50 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
 51 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal
 52 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds
 53 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any
 54 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board
 55 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause
 56 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year
 57 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then
 58 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or

59 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State
60 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this
61 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board
62 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance
63 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in
64 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

65 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
66 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
67 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
68 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
69 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
70 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
71 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
72 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
73 appropriated level.

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

78 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds herein appropriated by this act
79 to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose
80 that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of
81 the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission
82 that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state
83 or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or
84 federal law.

85 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
86 Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and
87 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
88 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
89 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
90 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the

91 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
92 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
93 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
94 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

95 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
96 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
97 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
98 to the credit of the Public Service Commission, for the purpose of
99 defraying the expenses of the Public Service Commission to
100 administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the
101 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
102 \$ 160,000.00.

103 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
104 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
105 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
106 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
107 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
108 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
109 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
110 made without competitive bids.

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

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Read

X (SIGNED)
Denny

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

X (SIGNED)
Gollott

X (SIGNED)
Kirby