

By: Senator(s) Fillingane

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2896

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CITIES, COUNTIES AND  
2 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES TO UTILIZE THEIR POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN  
3 WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY  
4 SO ACQUIRED SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE  
5 DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE HOUSING, STUDENT HOUSING, ACADEMIC  
6 FACILITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES, RETAIL FACILITIES AND  
7 RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) A municipality with a population of at least  
10 one hundred thousand (100,000) but not more than two hundred  
11 thousand (200,000) according to the 2000 federal decennial census,  
12 a county in which such a city is located, or a redevelopment  
13 authority created pursuant to Section 43-35-1 et seq. that located  
14 in such a municipality, are authorized, acting individually or  
15 jointly, to exercise their powers of eminent domain, including the  
16 right of immediate possession, only for acquiring private property  
17 of the designated redevelopment area in the following area:

18 Beginning at the intersection of Highway 80 and  
19 Ellis Avenue, east on Highway 80 to Terry Road,  
20 North on Terry Road to Pascagoula Street, east on  
21 Pascagoula Street to Gallatin Street, north on  
22 Gallatin Street to Capitol Street, west on Capitol  
23 Street to Robinson Road, west on Robinson Road to  
24 Ellis Avenue, south on Ellis Avenue back to the  
25 original intersection of Ellis and Highway 80.

26 (2) The property acquired pursuant to this section shall be  
27 utilized for the purpose of assisting the development of workforce  
28 housing, student housing, academic facilities, community service  
29 facilities, retail facilities and related improvements.



30           (3) Any exercise of the power of immediate possession to  
31 acquire property pursuant to this section shall be carried out in  
32 accordance with all procedures and practices set out in Sections  
33 11-27-81 through 11-27-89.

34           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after its passage and shall stand repealed from and after July  
36 1, 2013.

