

By: Representatives Formby, Henley

To: Conservation and Water Resources

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 74

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE JACKSON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY STUDY  
2 COMMITTEE; TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; TO  
3 REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE  
4 HOUSE AND SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEES BY NOVEMBER 2016; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Jackson County Utility Authority Study  
8 Committee is hereby created. It shall consist of members who are  
9 to be selected as follows:

10 (a) Two (2) representatives from the Jackson County  
11 Utility Authority appointed by the authority;

12 (b) Two (2) from each municipality serviced by the  
13 Jackson County Utility Authority appointed by the municipalities'  
14 governing authorities;

15 (c) Two (2) from the West Jackson County Utility  
16 District appointed by the utility district;

17 (d) Two (2) from the Jackson County Board of  
18 Supervisors appointed by the board;



19 (e) Two (2) Senators of the Mississippi Senate  
20 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor who represent districts  
21 containing municipalities and rural areas served by the Jackson  
22 County Utility Authority; and

23 (f) Two (2) Representatives of the Mississippi House of  
24 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Mississippi House  
25 of Representatives who represent districts containing  
26 municipalities served by the Jackson County Utility Authority.

27 (2) The study committee shall be tasked with addressing the  
28 following:

29 (a) The cost to the municipalities serviced by the  
30 Jackson County Utility Authority;

31 (b) The budgets of the Jackson County Utility  
32 Authority;

33 (c) The environmental authority of the Jackson County  
34 Utility Authority;

35 (d) The impact to the municipalities serviced by the  
36 Jackson County Utility Authority;

37 (e) The current legislative authority of the Jackson  
38 County Utility Authority;

39 (f) The relationship of the wholesale and resale  
40 component of the Jackson County Utility Authority; and

41 (g) Costs of service including rates for water and  
42 sewer connection fees and any other fees associated with consumers  
43 serviced directly by the Jackson County Utility Authority.



44           (3) The study committee shall meet no later than June 1,  
45 2016, and organize by selecting from its membership a chair and  
46 vice chair. A majority of the members of the committee shall  
47 constitute a quorum. The committee shall issue a report of their  
48 findings to the Conservation and Water Resources Committee of the  
49 House of Representatives and the Environmental Protection,  
50 Conservation and Water Resources Committee of the Mississippi  
51 Senate no later than November 1, 2016.

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

