

By: Representative Steverson

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1590

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI, TO EXPAND ITS GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN  
3 A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF  
4 RIPLEY; 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 Ripley, Mississippi, may, in their  
9 discretion, construct, expand, operate and maintain its gas  
10 distribution system for a distance not to exceed eleven (11) miles  
11 from the corporate limits of the City of Ripley. Whenever such  
12 gas utility service is furnished to any consumer residing outside  
13 the corporate limits of the City of Ripley, the consumer may not  
14 be charged at a rate greater than twice the rate charged for the  
15 same service within the corporate limits of the City of Ripley.

16 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be  
17 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et  
18 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements for  
19 obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the



20 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or  
21 any other provisions of that law.

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

