

By: Representatives Frierson, Snowden,  
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1636

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE  
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES  
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND  
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE  
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,  
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND RELATED  
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General  
14 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense  
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular  
17 Session of 2016 and providing contingent funds for the House of  
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning  
19 July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
21 matching funds and daily  
22 expense allowance of members



23 of the House of Representatives.....\$ 3,893,296.00.

24 For Contingent Fund for the

25 House of Representatives.....\$ 6,768,863.00

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund

27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand

28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses

29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on

30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,

31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,

33 matching funds and daily

34 expense allowance of members

35 of the Senate.....\$1,696,897.00

36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$4,727,636.00

37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund

38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)

39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of

40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate

41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi

42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of

44 Representatives and the Senate.....\$1,484,608.00

45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

46 Budget Committee.....\$3,316,445.00

47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



48 Committee on Performance Evaluation  
49 and Expenditure Review.....\$2,679,321.00  
50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
51 Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 145,300.00  
52 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
53 Code Committee.....\$ 450,000.00

54 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall  
55 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of  
56 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line  
57 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and  
58 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint  
59 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint  
60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state  
61 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

62 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
63 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
64 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
65 monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as  
66 provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
67 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as  
68 follows:

69 For the House of Representatives.....\$ 2,544,899.00.  
70 For the Senate.....\$ 1,105,122.00.

71 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
72 necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General



73 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
74 state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning  
75 July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.....  
76 .....\$ 380,587.00.

77 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following  
78 distribution shall be made:

79 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 29,077.00  
80 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 278,610.00  
81 National Conference of Commissioners  
82 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 34,500.00  
83 The Energy Council.....\$ 38,400.00

84 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
85 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for  
86 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
87 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
88 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
89 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
90 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
91 made without competitive bids.

92 **SECTION 5.** None of the funds appropriated under the  
93 provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any  
94 expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the  
95 House of Representatives without prior approval of the House  
96 Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate  
97 without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.



98           **SECTION 6.** The amount of funds appropriated from the State  
99 General Fund in this bill are conditioned upon the availability  
100 for appropriation of the full amount of the state general funds  
101 that were projected in the general fund revenue estimate for  
102 fiscal year 2017 that was determined under the provision of  
103 Section 27-103-125.

104           If the amount of general funds projected to be available for  
105 appropriation for fiscal year 2017 would be reduced by the  
106 enactment into law of any revenue bills, as defined in Joint Rule  
107 40, that have been passed by the House of Representatives by March  
108 17, 2016, then the amount of funds appropriated from the State  
109 General Fund in this bill shall be reduced by the same percentage  
110 reduction in the amount of general funds that would be available  
111 for appropriation for fiscal year 2017, and the reduced amount  
112 shall be engrossed into this bill before it is transmitted to  
113 Senate.

114           The determination of whether the House has passed any such  
115 revenue bills by March 17, 2016, and the amount and percentage of  
116 the resulting reduction in the amount of general funds projected  
117 to be available for appropriation for fiscal year 2017, shall be  
118 determined by the Legislative Budget Office and certified in  
119 writing to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee by  
120 the Director of the Legislative Budget Office.

121           **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
122 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



123 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
124 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
125 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
126 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

127       **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
128 and after July 1, 2016; and shall stand repealed from and after  
129 June 30, 2016.

