

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2971

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018

.....\$ 573,410.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, not more than the following amount shall be expended for Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.....\$ 512,281.00.

The following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	6
	Part Time.....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
	Part Time.....	0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
26 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting
27 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
28 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
29 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
30 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
31 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be submitted to
32 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
33 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
34 during the Fiscal Year 2018 budget request process.

35 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
36 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
37 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
38 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
39 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
40 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
41 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
42 made without competitive bids.

43 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of
44 the funds provided in Section 1, the Ethics Commission is hereby
45 authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty insurance on
46 passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

47 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
48 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
49 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
50 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
51 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
52 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
53 actions contrary to this provision.

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

60 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after July 1, 2017, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2017.

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