

By: Representative Sullivan

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1033

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-103-302, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
3 THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OR RECOVERY FOR DAMAGES IN
4 CONNECTION WITH THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL SHALL BE DEPOSITED
5 INTO A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
6 DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL DISASTER FUND FOR APPROPRIATION BY THE
7 LEGISLATURE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
8 STATE AND COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-103-302, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 27-103-302. All funds received by or on behalf of the State
13 of Mississippi through a negotiated settlement or recovery for
14 economic and punitive damages in connection with the explosion on,
15 and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater
16 Horizon, except for any funds that are required by the settlement
17 or recovery to be paid to any other public entity, shall be
18 deposited into * * * a special fund that is created in the State
19 Treasury to be known as the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster Fund,
20 for appropriation by the Legislature to the Mississippi Department
21 of Transportation as follows:



22 (a) Fifty percent (50%) for the maintenance of roads in
23 the state highway system having the greatest need, as determined
24 by the Mississippi Transportation Commission; and

25 (b) Fifty percent (50%) to be transferred to the
26 counties for the maintenance of roads in the county highway system
27 by the Mississippi Transportation Commission, with each county to
28 receive an equal amount annually.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2018.

