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To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1673

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PANOLA
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO EMPLOY A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL EVALUATOR
3 TO GRANT OR DENY APPROVAL FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL
4 SYSTEMS; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH APPROVAL WILL BE GRANTED ONLY IF THE
5 SYSTEMS COMPLY WITH STATE LAW AND THE COUNTY ORDINANCE PERTAINING
6 TO SUCH SYSTEMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section
9 41-67-1 et seq., and any other laws to the contrary, the Board of
10 Supervisors of Panola County, Mississippi, by resolution duly
11 spread upon its minutes, is authorized and empowered, to employ a
12 certified professional evaluator to approve and assure that the
13 design, installation and function of proposed residential
14 wastewater disposal systems within the county fully comply with
15 state law and the county ordinance pertaining to such systems.

16 (2) The certified professional evaluator, as prescribed in
17 subsection (1) of this section, shall be an employee of the county
18 who is certified by the Mississippi State Department of Health
19 and/or the Environmental Protection Agency. Such certified
20 professional evaluator, after evaluating individual residential



21 wastewater disposal systems, shall either grant or deny approval
22 for such systems without the requirement that the Mississippi
23 State Department of Health be involved so long as the county
24 ordinance pertaining to individual residential wastewater disposal
25 systems meets or exceeds the present requirements of the
26 Mississippi State Department of Health.

27 (3) The certified professional evaluator shall only make
28 evaluations for the approval of residential wastewater disposal
29 systems for requests of approval that occur after the effective
30 date of this section.

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

