

By: Representative Shirley

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1697

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
2 CHICKASAWHAY NATURAL GAS DISTRICT TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS FOR
3 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS WITHIN THE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
4 FUNDS SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE WITHIN THE
5 DISTRICT FOR SUCH REPAIRS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Directors of the Chickasawhay
8 Natural Gas District, may, in its discretion, expend an amount not
9 to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) annually from
10 its general fund solely for infrastructure repairs and
11 improvements within the district.

12 (2) The expenditure of funds, authorized under subsection
13 (1) of this section, shall be based on the percentage of current
14 square miles within each city's or town's corporate limits, as the
15 case may be, within the district. The funds expended under this
16 section shall be used solely for infrastructure repairs and
17 improvements within the district. The division of the
18 expenditures for each municipality shall be as follows:

19 (a) The City of Waynesboro (6.6 square miles).. 44.30%;



20 (b) The City of Quitman (5.9 square miles)..... 39.60%;

21 and

22 (c) The Town of Shubuta (2.4 square miles)..... 16.10%.

23 (3) Accounting of expenditures of the funds herein described
24 shall be made separately from the accounting of receipts and
25 expenditures of the general fund and any other funds of the
26 Chickasawhay Natural Gas District. The records reflecting the
27 receipts and expenditures of the funds prescribed in this section
28 shall be audited annually by an independent certified public
29 accountant, and the accountant shall make a written report of his
30 audit to the board of directors. The audit shall be made and
31 completed as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal
32 year, and expenses of the audit shall be paid from the general
33 funds of the district.

34 (4) The expenditures authorized in this section are in
35 addition to, and not in lieu of, any other authority granted to
36 the district under any other provision of law.

37 (5) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
38 2020.

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

