

By: Representative Gunn

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF CURATOR OF THE NEW CAPITOL
 3 BUILDING, WHO SHALL BE EMPLOYED BY AND UNDER THE JOINT
 4 JURISDICTION OF THE HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
 5 RULES COMMITTEE; TO SPECIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CURATOR;
 6 TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXPENSES OF THE CURATOR SHALL BE PAID FROM THE
 7 FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
 8 OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE; TO TRANSFER THE CURATOR OF
 9 THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 10 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
 11 THIS ACT FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE JOINT
 12 JURISDICTION OF THE HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
 13 RULES COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 14 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED
 15 PURPOSES.

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

17 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 18 29-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972:

19 29-5-13. There is established the position of Curator of the
 20 New Capitol Building, who shall have the following powers and
 21 duties:

22 (a) To oversee, initiate, approve and monitor the care
 23 of the New Capitol Building and grounds to ensure long-term



24 preservation, conservation and maintenance of the building,
25 historic furnishings and grounds;

26 (b) To coordinate with personnel of the Department of
27 Finance and Administration and the project professionals on any
28 repair, renovation or restoration plans for the New Capitol
29 Building or grounds, ensuring that all work is in accordance with
30 the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

31 (c) To request quotations for projects at the New
32 Capitol Building or grounds upon instructions from the Department
33 of Finance and Administration; apply for permits from the
34 Department of Archives and History when applicable; request that
35 projects be initiated through the proper agency and serve as the
36 in-house professional depending upon the scope of work; maintain
37 contact with any project professional involved in a project,
38 beginning with the bid or quote process through initiation and
39 completion of the project; and notify the House, the Senate, joint
40 legislative operations or the Department of Finance and
41 Administration, as appropriate, when the project is complete and
42 ready for final payment;

43 (d) To coordinate special state events and approved
44 private events held at the New Capitol Building or grounds other
45 than those held in the Chambers of the House of Representatives or
46 the Senate;

47 (e) To serve as a liaison to the Clerk of the House of
48 Representatives, Secretary of the Senate, Department of Finance



49 and Administration, Department of Archives and History and project
50 professionals on all projects at the New Capitol Building or
51 grounds;

52 (f) To supervise visitor services personnel in
53 providing tours and events for the public and members of the
54 Legislature that are held at the New Capitol Building or grounds;
55 and

56 (g) To perform such other duties relating to the New
57 Capitol Building or grounds as jointly prescribed by the House
58 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

59 (2) The Curator of the New Capitol Building shall be
60 employed by and under the joint jurisdiction of the House
61 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee, and the
62 expenses of the curator shall be paid from the funds appropriated
63 by the Legislature for the joint legislative operations of the
64 House and the Senate.

65 (3) The Curator of the New Capitol Building who is employed
66 by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History
67 under the provisions of Section 39-5-6 on the effective date of
68 this act shall be transferred from the jurisdiction of the
69 department to the joint jurisdiction of the House Management
70 Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

71 **SECTION 2.** Section 39-5-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
72 amended as follows:



73 39-5-6. The duties and powers of the Board of Trustees of
74 the Department of Archives and History shall include, in addition
75 to other duties and powers granted or prescribed by law, the
76 following:

77 (a) To promulgate rules and regulations governing the
78 use of the historic portion of the Governor's Mansion;

79 (b) To promulgate rules and regulations governing the
80 acquisition of furniture and furnishings, including, but not
81 limited to, carpets, rugs, paintings, draperies and objects of
82 art, for the original or historic portion of the Governor's
83 Mansion;

84 (c) To employ a curator of the mansion who shall have
85 the following duties:

86 (i) To maintain a descriptive inventory of and be
87 responsible for the care and custody of all furniture and
88 furnishings in the Governor's Mansion that have been catalogued by
89 the Department of Archives and History, including flat silver and
90 silver hollowware. However, the Department of Finance and
91 Administration shall maintain a descriptive inventory of and be
92 responsible for the care and custody of all publicly owned
93 furniture and furnishings in the Governor's Mansion that have not
94 been catalogued by the Department of Archives and History,
95 including flat silver and silver hollowware; and

96 (ii) To conduct an educational training program
97 for staff and volunteer guides who may conduct tours of the



98 mansion when it is open to the public at specified times agreed
99 upon by the Governor;

100 (d) To promote the donation or loaning of money or
101 property, real or personal, from any agency of the United States,
102 state or local government, any person, firm, corporation,
103 association or group, for the purpose of furnishing or decorating
104 the original or historic portion of the Governor's Mansion;

105 (e) To accept such donations of money or property, real
106 or personal, from any agency of the United States, state or local
107 government, any person, firm, corporation, association or group,
108 for the purpose of furnishing or decorating the original or
109 historic portion of the Governor's Mansion, provided that the
110 board of trustees shall not be required to accept any donation of
111 furniture or furnishings without its consent;

112 (f) To sell, donate or otherwise dispose of unused
113 surplus property of the Governor's Mansion, excluding any property
114 located in the mansion which belongs to the Governor's Office, and
115 to deposit the proceeds of such sales in the Governor's Mansion
116 Fund of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and
117 History for use, in the board's discretion, in acquiring furniture
118 or furnishings, including, but not limited to, carpets, rugs,
119 paintings, draperies and objects of art, for the original or
120 historic portion of the Governor's Mansion; and



121 (g) To review and approve any major changes in the
122 architecture, furniture, furnishings, decoration or landscaping of
123 the grounds of the Governor's Mansion * * *.

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125 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
126 and after its passage.

