

By: Representative Gunn

To: Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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 and from the House Management
34 committee and the Senate Rules Committee acting jointly; apply for
35 permits from the Department of Archives and History when
36 applicable; request that projects be initiated through the proper
37 agency and serve as the in-house professional depending upon the
38 scope of work; maintain contact with any project professional
39 involved in a project, beginning with the bid or quote process
40 through initiation and completion of the project; and notify the
41 House, the Senate, joint legislative operations or the Department
42 of Finance and Administration, as appropriate, when the project is
43 complete and ready for final payment;

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



48 (e) To serve as a liaison to the Clerk of the House of
49 Representatives, Secretary of the Senate, Department of Finance
50 and Administration, Department of Archives and History and project
51 professionals on all projects at the New Capitol Building or
52 grounds;

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

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

60 (2) The Curator of the New Capitol Building shall be
61 employed by and under the joint jurisdiction of the House
62 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee, and the
63 expenses of the curator shall be paid from the funds appropriated
64 by the Legislature for the joint legislative operations of the
65 House and the Senate. The curator shall provide quarterly reports
66 to the House Management committee and the Senate Rules Committee
67 on the activities and expenses of the curator during the preceding
68 quarter.

69 (3) The Curator of the New Capitol Building who is employed
70 by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History
71 under the provisions of Section 39-5-6 on the effective date of
72 this act shall be transferred from the jurisdiction of the



73 department to the joint jurisdiction of the House Management
74 Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

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

77 39-5-6. The duties and powers of the Board of Trustees of
78 the Department of Archives and History shall include, in addition
79 to other duties and powers granted or prescribed by law, the
80 following:

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

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

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

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



98 been catalogued by the Department of Archives and History,
99 including flat silver and silver hollowware; and

100 (ii) To conduct an educational training program
101 for staff and volunteer guides who may conduct tours of the
102 mansion when it is open to the public at specified times agreed
103 upon by the Governor;

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

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

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



123 paintings, draperies and objects of art, for the original or
124 historic portion of the Governor's Mansion; and

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

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129 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
130 and after July 1, 2019.

