

By: Representative McNeal

To: County Affairs;
Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-7-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY COUNTY JURISDICTION OVER ROADS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED AS A
3 STATE HIGHWAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 65-7-1. (1) The board of supervisors of each county shall
8 have full jurisdiction over all matters relating to the public
9 roads of the county, including the establishment, laying out,
10 opening, abandonment, altering, changing, working and maintaining
11 of such roads, except as otherwise provided by Section 170 of the
12 Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

13 (2) All roads now laid out and opened or hereafter laid out
14 and opened according to law shall be deemed public roads and
15 highways and shall be opened and worked at least sixteen (16) feet
16 wide, wherever practicable, and in any case not less than twelve
17 (12) feet, and any greater width that may be necessary. Ditches



18 and borrow pits shall be kept open or connected so as to drain off
19 the water from the road bed, as far as practicable.

20 (3) * * * No road, whether originally constructed as a state
21 highway or not, shall be included as a part of the county road
22 system until and unless the board of supervisors, by appropriate
23 action spread on its minutes, has established or accepted such
24 road and caused the road to be included in the official record of
25 the county road system as provided in Section 65-7-4.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2019.

