

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Witherspoon

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2275

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, TO DONATE AND CONVEY THE NATCHEZ INTERMODAL
3 TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND CERTAIN HISTORIC PROPERTIES OF THE CITY
4 OF NATCHEZ TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The governing authorities of the City of Natchez,
8 Mississippi, are hereby authorized and empowered, in their
9 discretion, to donate and/or make such agreements as are necessary
10 to convey to the United States of America all of the right, title
11 and interest of the City of Natchez in and to that certain land
12 and improvements associated with the Intermodal Transportation
13 Center in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi, being more
14 specifically described as a portion of Parcel 52, Tax Map 41-113B
15 of the Adams County Tax Maps prepared by Conley, Knight and
16 Eckford. The facility being conveyed was constructed in part with
17 funds appropriated by the United States Congress pursuant to
18 Senate Bill 902, amending Public Law 100-479. The conveyance
19 shall be made by warranty deed in fee simple absolute, and the



20 deed shall not be required to contain a reverter clause,
21 notwithstanding any provision of Section 21-17-1, Mississippi Code
22 of 1972, to the contrary.

23 **SECTION 2.** The governing authorities of the City of Natchez,
24 Mississippi, are hereby authorized and empowered, in their
25 discretion, to donate and convey to the United States of America
26 all of the right, title and interest of the City of Natchez in and
27 to that certain land and improvements associated with the site of
28 the historic Forks of the Road Slave Market in Natchez, Adams
29 County, Mississippi, being more specifically described as Parcels
30 24, 26.7, 29, 91 and 92, Tax Map 41-116A of the Adams County Tax
31 Maps prepared by Conley, Knight and Eckford, together with all
32 personal property and buildings located thereon. The governing
33 authorities of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, are hereby
34 further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to donate
35 and convey to the United States of America all of the right, title
36 and interest of the City of Natchez in and to any other lands and
37 improvements associated with the site of the historic Forks of the
38 Road Slave Market in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi, which the
39 City of Natchez and the State of Mississippi, acting through the
40 Department of Archives and History, determine are significant to
41 the Forks of the Road Slave Market project and are no longer
42 needed for municipal purposes. The governing authorities of the
43 City of Natchez, Mississippi, are hereby authorized and empowered,
44 in their discretion, to donate and convey to the United States of



45 America all of the right, title and interest of the City of
46 Natchez in and to any lands and improvements associated with the
47 site of the historic Forks of the Road Slave Market in Natchez,
48 Adams County, Mississippi, which are or have been donated to the
49 City of Natchez by third parties for the use in the Forks of the
50 Road Slave Market project. These conveyances shall be made by
51 quitclaim deed and in accordance with that certain Memorandum of
52 Agreement dated September 21, 2001, by and between the City of
53 Natchez and the State of Mississippi, acting through the
54 Department of Archives and History and the Bureau of Building,
55 Grounds and Real Property Management, Department of Finance and
56 Administration, or as such agreement shall hereafter be amended.
57 The deed shall not be required to contain a reverter clause or
58 contain a provision retaining the mineral rights for the City of
59 Natchez, notwithstanding any provision of Section 21-17-1,
60 Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary.

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

