REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE # 2

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

548 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the following words 549 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 550 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

559 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

560 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021

561 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State

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Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

568 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 569 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 570 Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to 571 572 the universities under its management and control to pay the costs 573 of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing 574 facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public 575 facilities as hereinafter described:

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577	NAME PROJECT	ALLOCATED
578	Alcorn State University\$	5,675,000.00
579	Phase I of repair and	
580	renovation of and	
581	upgrades and improvements	
582	to campus dormitories\$ 5,675,000.00	
583	Delta State University\$	10,800,000.00
584	Renovation and expansion	
585	of and upgrades,	
586	improvements and additions	
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587	to the Robert E. Smith	
588	School of Nursing	
589	Building and related	
590	facilities\$ 7,800,000.00	
591	Repair, renovation	
592	and upgrading of	
593	campus buildings	
594	and facilities\$ 3,000,000.00	
595	Jackson State University\$	6,500,000.00
596	Phase III of repair,	
597	renovation and	
598	upgrading of campus	
599	buildings, facilities,	
600	and infrastructure\$ 6,000,000.00	
601	Preplanning for	
602	construction, furnishing	
603	and equipping of a new	
604	dining facility and	
605	related facilities\$ 500,000.00	
606	Mississippi State University\$	15,000,000.00
607	Phase I of construction,	
608	furnishing and equipping	
609	of a new building and	
610	related facilities to	
611	house the College of	
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612 Architecture, Art and Design.....\$ 15,000,000.00 613 Mississippi State University/Division of 614 615 Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine....\$ 8,000,000.00 616 Repair and renovation of 617 and upgrades and 618 improvements to Dorman Hall 619 and related facilities.....\$ 8,000,000.00 620 Mississippi University for Women.....\$ 2,750,000.00 621 Repair, renovation, 622 and upgrading of 623 campus buildings and facilities.....\$ 2,750,000.00 624 625 Mississippi Valley State University.....\$ 500,000.00 626 Preplanning for repair, 627 renovation, furnishing 628 and equipping of the 629 Charles Lackey 630 Recreation Center.....\$ 500,000.00 University of Mississippi.....\$ 12,000,000.00 631 632 Construction, furnishing 633 and equipping of a new 634 mechanical and power 635 plant building and related 636 facilities.....\$ 12,000,000.00 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 4 R3/5

637	University of Mississippi Medical Center\$	8,000,000.00
638	Repair, renovation,	
639	and upgrading of	
640	campus buildings	
641	and facilities\$ 8,000,000.00	
642	University of Southern Mississippi\$	10,750,000.00
643	Repair and renovation	
644	of Hickman Hall and	
645	related facilities\$ 10,000,000.00	
646	Preplanning and	
647	construction, furnishing	
648	and equipping of a new	
649	<pre>science research facility\$ 750,000.00</pre>	
650	University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf	
651	Coast Campuses\$	5,800,000.00
652	Construction, furnishing	
653	and equipping of	
654	Executive Education	
655	and Conference Center	
656	and related facilities	
657	on the Gulf Park	
658	Campus\$ 4,800,000.00	
659	Repair, renovation	
660	life safety, and	
661	ADA code upgrades,	
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686	provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission.
685	monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall
684	fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused
683	bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special
682	not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the
681	(a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are
680	be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph
679	(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall
678	TOTAL\$ 86,375,000.00
677	Broadcasting Building\$ 600,000.00
676	the Mississippi Public
675	Universities Center and
674	Tower, Edsel E. Thrash
673	including the Paul B. Johnson
672	facilities and infrastructure,
671	upgrades of buildings,
670	life safety and ADA code
669	Planning, repair, renovation,
668	IHL Education and Research Center\$ 600,000.00
667	Halstead Campus\$ 1,000,000.00
666	Research Laboratory,
665	at the Gulf Coast
664	and facilities
663	of campus buildings
662	furnishing and equipping

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 687 Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly 688 adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this 689 subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be 690 completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such 691 special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds 692 issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings 693 authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the 694 commission.

695 (ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to 696 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the 697 Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the 698 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in 699 administering or providing assistance directly related to a 700 project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An 701 accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is 702 sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of 703 Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real 704 Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and 705 necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of 706 the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized 707 for a particular project may not be used to reimburse 708 administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration,
acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 7 R3/5 712 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 713 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 714 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 715 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 716 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 717 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 718 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 719 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

725 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 726 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 727 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 728 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 729 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 730 by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the 731 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 732 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of 733 Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its 734 resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such 735 resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate 736 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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737 method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or 738 negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so 739 authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary 740 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall 741 bonds. 742 not exceed Eighty-six Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand 743 Dollars (\$86,375,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 744 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

750 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 751 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 752 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 753 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 754 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 755 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 756 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 757 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 758 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 759 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 760 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in

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761 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 762 commission.

763 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 764 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 765 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 766 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 767 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 768 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 769 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 770 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 771 772 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 773 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 774 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 775 776 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 777 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 778 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 779 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 780 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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785 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 786 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

787 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)788 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 789 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 790 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 791 sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance 792 and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable 793 in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The 794 commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are 795 incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds 796 authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the 797 sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed 798 bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for 799 such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the 800 State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so 801 issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

808 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 809 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 810 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 811 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 812 dates named therein.

813 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8)814 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 815 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 816 817 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 818 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 819 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 820 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 821 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 822 this subsection.

823 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 824 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 825 such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) 826 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 827 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 828 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 829 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 830 bonds.

831 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 832 833 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 834 Anv

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resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

840 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 841 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 842 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 843 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 844 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 845 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 846 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 847 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

848 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)849 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 850 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 851 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 852 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 853 performance of all duties required by this section to be 854 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 855 interest thereon.

856 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
857 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
858 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
859 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

864 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 865 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 866 Mississippi.

867 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
868 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
869 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

870 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 871 872 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 873 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 874 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 875 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 876 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 877 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 878 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 879 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 880 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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885 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section, the following words 886 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 887 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

897 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 898 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund," is 899 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 900 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 901 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 902 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 903 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 904 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit 905 of the fund. Monies in the fund may not be used or expended for 906 any purpose except as authorized under this act.

907 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 908 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 909 Administration, to pay the costs of acquisition of real property,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 15 R3/5 910 construction of new facilities, equipping and furnishing 911 facilities, including furniture and technology equipment and 912 infrastructure, and addition to or renovation of existing 913 facilities for community and junior college campuses as 914 recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board. The 915 amount to be expended at each community and junior college is as 916 follows:

917	Coahoma\$ 1,601,497.00
918	Copiah-Lincoln
919	East Central 1,788,372.00
920	East Mississippi 2,070,016.00
921	Hinds
922	Holmes 2,670,171.00
923	Itawamba 2,436,346.00
924	Jones 2,354,904.00
925	Meridian 1,932,245.00
926	Mississippi Delta 1,801,892.00
927	Mississippi Gulf Coast
928	Northeast Mississippi 2,052,257.00
929	Northwest Mississippi 2,937,492.00
930	Pearl River 2,456,481.00
931	Southwest Mississippi 1,714,541.00
932	GRAND TOTAL\$35,000,000.00
933	(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
934	disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a)
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935 of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not 936 used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the 937 bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special 938 fund, then the community college or junior college for which any 939 such monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection 940 shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the 941 commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by 942 resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph 943 (a) of this section shall have been completed, abandoned, or 944 cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in 945 such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the 946 bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the 947 proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed 948 by the commission.

949 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C)950 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 951 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 952 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 953 expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The 954 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 955 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 956 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 957 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 958 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 959 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

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960 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 961 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 962 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 963 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 964 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 965 by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the 966 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 967 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of 968 Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its 969 resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such 970 resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing 971 agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate 972 method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or 973 negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so 974 authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary 975 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such 976 The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall bonds. 977 not exceed Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00). No bonds 978 shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

979 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 980 the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section shall 981 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 982 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 983 bonds.

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984 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 985 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 986 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 987 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 988 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 989 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 990 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 991 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 992 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 993 994 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 995 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 996 commission.

997 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)998 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 999 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1000 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1001 1002 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1003 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 1004 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 1005 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 1006 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1007 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1008

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1009 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 1010 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 1011 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 1012 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 1013 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 1014 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

1021 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)1022 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 1023 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 1024 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 1025 sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance 1026 and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable 1027 in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The 1028 commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are 1029 incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds 1030 authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the 1031 sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for 1032 1033 such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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1034 State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so 1035 issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

1036 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 1037 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 1038 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 1039 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 1040 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 1041 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1047 (8) 1048 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 1049 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 1050 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 1051 1052 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 1053 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 1054 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 1055 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 1056 this subsection.

1057 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions1058 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 21 (S)FI (H)WM 1059 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 1060 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 1061 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 1062 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 1063 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 1064 bonds.

1065 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)1066 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 1067 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 1068 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 1069 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 1070 1071 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 1072 1073 majority of its members.

1074 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 1075 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 1076 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 1077 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 1078 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 1079 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 1080 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 1081 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

1082 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 1083 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 22 R3/5 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

1090 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1091 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 1092 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 1093 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 1094 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 1095 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 1096 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 1097 of securing the deposit of public funds.

1098 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 1099 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 1100 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 23 R3/5 1109 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 1110 1111 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 1112 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 1113 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 1114 thereof.

This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 1115 (17)1116 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 1117 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 1118 any existing law of this state.

1119 SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words 1120 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 1121 requires otherwise:

1122 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 1123 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 1124 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 1125 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 1126 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 1127 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 1128 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)

1131 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the 1132 1133

State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

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1134	Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from
1135	the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in
1136	the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
1137	State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings
1138	on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.
1139	(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
1140	disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
1141	Administration, to pay the costs of capital improvements,
1142	renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings
1143	and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter
1144	described:
1145	STATE AGENCIES\$ 5,250,000.00
1146	Department of Mental Health\$ 5,250,000.00
1147	Phase II of repair
1148	and replacement of
1149	plumbing systems
1150	at the Mississippi
1151	State Hospital\$ 750,000.00
1152	Phase II of repair
1153	and restoration
1154	of, or replacement
1155	of windows, waterproofing,
1156	repointing, sealing and
1157	repainting of buildings

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1159	State Hospital\$ 750,000.00
1160	Phase II of repair
1161	and renovations
1162	for ADA compliance
1163	for buildings and facilities
1164	at Ellisville State School\$ 750,000.00
1165	Planning, repair
1166	and renovation, furnishing
1167	and equipping of the
1168	Beechwood Building at
1169	Hudspeth Regional Center\$ 1,500,000.00
1170	Phase II of repair
1171	and renovation, furnishing
1172	and equipping of cottages at
1173	Hudspeth Regional Center\$ 750,000.00
1174	Planning, repair
1175	and replacement of
1176	roofing at campus
1177	buildings and facilities
1178	at South Mississippi
1179	Regional Center\$ 750,000.00
1180	TOTAL\$ 5,250,000.00
1181	(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall
1182	be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph
1183	(a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are
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1184 not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the 1185 bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special 1186 fund, then the agency or institution of higher learning for which 1187 any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this 1188 subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to 1189 the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by 1190 resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph 1191 (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or 1192 cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in 1193 such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the 1194 1195 proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed 1196 by the commission.

1197 (ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to 1198 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the 1199 Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the 1200 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in 1201 administering or providing assistance directly related to a 1202 project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An 1203 accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is 1204 sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of 1205 Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real 1206 Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and 1207 necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of 1208 the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 1209 for a particular project may not be used to reimburse 1210 administrative costs for unrelated projects.

1211 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C) 1212 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 1213 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 1214 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 1215 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 1216 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 1217 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 1218 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 1219 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 1220 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 1221 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

1226 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 1227 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 1228 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 1229 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 1230 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 1231 by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the 1232 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of 1233 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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1234 Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its 1235 resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such 1236 resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing 1237 agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate 1238 method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or 1239 negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so 1240 authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary 1241 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such 1242 The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall bonds. 1243 not exceed Five Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 1244 (\$5,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 1245

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

1251 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 1252 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 1253 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 1254 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 1255 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 1256 1257 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 1258 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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1259 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 1260 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 1261 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 1262 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 1263 commission.

1264 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 1265 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 1266 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1267 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1268 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1269 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1270 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 1271 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 1272 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 1273 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1274 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 1275 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1276 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 1277 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 1278 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 1279 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 1280 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 1281 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
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)FI (H)WM R3/5 1284 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 1285 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 1286 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 1287 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

1288 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 1289 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 1290 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 1291 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 1292 sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance 1293 and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable 1294 in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The 1295 commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are 1296 incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds 1297 authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the 1298 sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed 1299 bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for 1300 such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the 1301 State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so 1302 issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

1303 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 1304 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 1305 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 1306 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

1307 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 1308 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 31 R3/5 1309 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 1310 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 1311 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 1312 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 1313 dates named therein.

1314 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1315 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 1316 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 1317 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 1318 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 1319 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 1320 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 1321 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 1322 1323 this subsection.

1324 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 1325 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 1326 1327 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 1328 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 1329 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 1330 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 1331 bonds.

1332 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued1333 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 32 R3/5 1334 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 1335 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 1336 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 1337 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 1338 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 1339 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 1340 majority of its members.

1341 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)1342 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 1343 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 1344 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 1345 1346 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 1347 1348 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

1349 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 1350 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 1351 1352 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 1353 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 1354 performance of all duties required by this section to be 1355 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 1356 interest thereon.

1357 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
 1358 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
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1359 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 1360 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 1361 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 1362 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 1363 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 1364 of securing the deposit of public funds.

1365 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 1366 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 1367 Mississippi.

1368 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 1369 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 1370 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

1371 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)1372 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 1373 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 1374 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 1375 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 1376 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 1377 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 1378 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 1379 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 1380 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 1381 thereof.

1382 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 1383 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 34 1384 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 1385 any existing law of this state.

1386 SECTION 4. Section 1, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended 1387 to read as follows:

1388 Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words 1389 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 1390 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 1399 (C) 1400 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2020 (a) (i) IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State 1401 1402 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 1403 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 1404 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 1405 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 1406 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 1407

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1408 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 1409 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of 1410 1411 State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to 1412 the universities under its management and control to pay the costs 1413 of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing 1414 facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described: 1415 1416 AMOUNT 1417 ALLOCATED NAME PROJECT 1418 Alcorn State University.....\$ 3,650,000.00 1419 Campus safety and 1420 security project, 1421 including open space 1422 development, sprinkler 1423 systems for dormitories, 1424 security camera 1425 installation, card access 1426 systems, street lighting, 1427 and emergency kiosks.....\$ 3,650,000.00 1428 Alcorn State University/Division of 1429 2,635,000.00 Agriculture.....\$ 1430 Phase II of repair, renovation, 1431 furnishing, equipping and 1432 expansion of and additions 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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1433	to the Child Development	
1434	Learning Center\$ 2,635,000.00	
1435	Delta State University\$	3,000,000.00
1436	Repair, renovation,	
1437	and upgrading of	
1438	campus buildings	
1439	and facilities\$ 3,000,000.00	
1440	Jackson State University\$	5,260,000.00
1441	Phase III of repair,	
1442	renovation, and	
1443	upgrading of campus	
1444	buildings, facilities,	
1445	and infrastructure\$ 5,260,000.00	
1446	Mississippi State University\$	10,000,000.00
1447	Phase III of construction,	
1448	furnishing and equipping of	
1449	a new building and related	
1450	facilities to house the	
1451	Kinesiology Department\$ 10,000,000.00	
1452	Mississippi State University/Division of	
1453	Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine $\$$	7,935,000.00
1454	Phase II of repair and	
1455	renovation, replacement and/or	
1456	demolition of Ballew	
1457	Hall and related	
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1458	facilities\$ 7,535,000.00	
1459	Pre-planning for repair and	
1460	renovation of Dorman Hall	
1461	and related facilities\$ 400,000.00	
1462	Mississippi University for Women\$	13,000,000.00
1463	Phase II of construction,	
1464	furnishing and equipping of	
1465	a new building and related	
1466	facilities to house the	
1467	Culinary Arts Program\$ 13,000,000.00	
1468	Mississippi Valley State University\$	13,435,000.00
1469	Phase II of Student Union	
1470	improvements and planning,	
1471	repair, renovation, life	
1472	safety and ADA code upgrades,	
1473	furnishing and equipping	
1474	and expansion of and	
1475	additions to campus	
1476	buildings, facilities, and	
1477	infrastructure\$ 13,435,000.00	
1478	University of Mississippi\$	13,530,000.00
1479	Phase II of repair, renovation,	
1480	furnishing, equipping and	
1481	expansion of and additions	
1482	to the Data Center Building	
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1483	and related facilities\$ 13,530,000.00	
1484	University of Mississippi Medical Center\$	5,680,000.00
1485	Replacement of HVAC	
1486	systems, boilers and	
1487	related equipment,	
1488	infrastructure and controls\$ 5,680,000.00	
1489	University of Southern Mississippi\$	6,500,000.00
1490	Phase II of repair and	
1491	renovation of the	
1492	Kinesiology Building	
1493	and related facilities\$ 6,000,000.00	
1494	Pre-planning for repair	
1495	and renovation of	
1496	Hickman Hall and	
1497	related facilities\$ 500,000.00	
1498	University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf	
1499	Coast Campuses\$	700,000.00
1500	Pre-planning for design	
1501	of Executive Education	
1502	and Conference Center	
1503	and related facilities	
1504	on the Gulf Park	
1505	campus\$ 200,000.00	
1506	Planning, repair,	
1507	renovation, life safety,	
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1508	and ADA code upgrades,	
1509	furnishing and equipping	
1510	of campus buildings	
1511	and facilities	
1512	at the Gulf Coast	
1513	Research Laboratory,	
1514	Halstead Campus\$ 500,000.00	
1515	IHL Education and Research Center\$ 1,400,000.00	
1516	Planning, repair, renovation, life safety and ADA code	
1517	upgrades of buildings, facilities and infrastructure, including	
1518	the Paul B. Johnson Tower, Edsel E.	
1519	Thrash Universities	
1520	Center and the Mississippi	
1521	Public Broadcasting	
1522	Building\$ 1,400,000.00	
1523	TOTAL\$ 86,725,000.00	
1524	(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall	
1525	be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph	
1526	(a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are	
1527	not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the	
1528	bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special	
1529	fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused	
1530	monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall	
1531	provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission.	
1532	Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly	
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adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

1540 (ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to 1541 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the 1542 Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the 1543 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in 1544 administering or providing assistance directly related to a 1545 project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An 1546 accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is 1547 sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of 1548 Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real 1549 Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and 1550 necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of 1551 the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized 1552 for a particular project may not be used to reimburse 1553 administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration,
acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and
expend any local or other source funds in connection with the

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expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

1570 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 1571 1572 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 1573 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 1574 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 1575 by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the 1576 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 1577 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of 1578 Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its 1579 resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such 1580 resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing 1581 agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or 1582

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Seven Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,725,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

1595 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 1596 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 1597 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 1598 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 1599 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 1600 1601 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 1602 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 1603 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 1604 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 1605 1606 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the

1607 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)F PAGE 43 1608 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 1609 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1610 1611 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1612 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1613 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 1614 1615 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 1616 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 1617 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1618 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1619 1620 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 1621 1622 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 1623 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 1624 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 1625 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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1632 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 1633 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 1634 1635 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 1636 sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance 1637 and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. 1638 The 1639 commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are 1640 incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds 1641 authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the 1642 sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed 1643 bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for 1644 such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the 1645 State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so 1646 issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

1647 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 1648 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 1649 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 1650 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 1651 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 1652 commission.

1653 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 1654 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 1655 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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1656 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 1657 dates named therein.

1658 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 1659 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 1660 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 1661 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 1662 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 1663 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 1664 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 1665 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 1666 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 1667 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 1668 (9) 1669 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 1670 such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) 1671 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 1672 1673 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 1674 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 1675 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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1681 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 1682 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 1683 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 1684 majority of its members.

1685 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 1686 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 1687 1688 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 1689 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 1690 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 1691 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 1692 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

1693 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)1694 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 1695 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 1696 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 1697 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 1698 1699 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 1700 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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1706 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 1707 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 1708 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

1712 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 1713 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 1714 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

1715 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 1716 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 1717 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 1718 1719 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 1720 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 1721 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 1722 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 1723 1724 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 1725 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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1730 SECTION 5. Section 15, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended 1731 to read as follows:

1732 Section 15. (1) As used in this section, the following 1733 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 1734 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 1743 (C) 1744 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) 1745 Chickasaw Heritage Center Fund," is created within the State 1746 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 1747 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 1748 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 1749 1750 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 1751 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in

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1755 paying the costs associated with the construction, furnishing and 1756 equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. 1757 It is the intention of the Legislature that all bond funds 1758 dedicated for this project up to Sixteen Million Dollars 1759 (\$16,000,000.00) be matched by the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation. 1760 In addition, all funds authorized and disbursed by the state will 1761 be spent equally with funds matched by the Chickasaw Inkana 1762 Foundation.

1763 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 1764 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 1765 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 1766 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 1767 in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 1768 1769 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 1770 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 1771 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 1772 directed by the commission.

1773 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 1774 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 1775 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 1776 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 1777 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 1778 1779 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 1780 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 1781 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 1782 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 1783 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 1784 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 1785 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 1786 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 1787 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 1788 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Three 1789 1790 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) Six Million Dollars

1791 <u>(\$6,000,000.00)</u>. No bonds shall be issued under this section 1792 after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(c) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation has broken ground in construction of the Chickasaw Heritage Center.

1801 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 1802 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 1803 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 1804 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates

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1805 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 1806 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 1807 1808 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 1809 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 1810 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 1811 1812 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 1813 commission.

1814 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 1815 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1816 1817 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1818 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1819 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1820 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 1821 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may 1822 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of 1823 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1824 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 1825 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1826 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 1827 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 1828 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 1829 bear.

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1830 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 1831 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

1838 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)1839 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 1840 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 1841 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 1842 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 1843 1844 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 1845 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 1846 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 1847 1848 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 1849 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 1850 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 1851 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 1852 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

1853 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 1854 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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1855 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 1856 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 1857 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 1858 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

1864 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1865 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 1866 1867 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 1868 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 1869 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 1870 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 1871 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 1872 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 1873 this subsection.

1874 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
1875 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
1876 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
1877 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed
1878 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and
1879 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

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1882 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)1883 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 1884 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 1885 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 1886 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 1887 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 1888 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 1889 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 1890 majority of its members.

1891 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)1892 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 1893 1894 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 1895 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 1896 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 1897 1898 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

1899 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 1900 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 1901 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 1902 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 1903 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 1904

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1905 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 1906 interest thereon.

1907 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1908 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 1909 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 1910 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 1911 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 1912 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 1913 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 1914

1915 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 1916 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 1917 Mississippi.

1918 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 1919 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 1920 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

1921 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)1922 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 1923 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of 1924 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 1925 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 1926 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the The State 1927 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. 1928 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 1929 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to

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1930 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates
1931 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

1936 SECTION 6. (1) As used in this section, the following words 1937 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 1938 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

1947 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

1948 (2)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 1949 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 1950 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 1951 the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the 1952 1953 adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any 1954

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 57 R3/5 1955 part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this 1956 section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall 1957 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the 1958 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in 1959 its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form 1960 of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the 1961 bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the 1962 bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do 1963 any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 1964 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million 1965 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section 1966 1967 shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Community Heritage
Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145,
Mississippi Code of 1972. Any investment earnings on bonds issued
pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on
bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the
proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 58 R3/5 1980 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 1981 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 1982 1983 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 1984 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 1985 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 1986 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 1987 commission.

1988 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4)1989 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 1990 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1991 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1992 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1993 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1994 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 1995 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 1996 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 1997 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1998 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 1999 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 2000 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 2001 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 2002 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 2003 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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2004 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 2005 the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

2012 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (6) 2013 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 2014 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 2015 for and accept bids or negotiate sale of the bonds, issue and sell 2016 the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 2017 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 2018 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 2019 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 2020 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 2021 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 2022 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 2023 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 2024 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 2025 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 2026 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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2029 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 2030 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 2031 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 2032 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

2038 (7)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2039 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 2040 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2041 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 2042 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2043 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2044 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2045 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2046 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2047 this section.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created in Section 39-5-145, and the proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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2054 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 2055 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 2056 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 2057 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 2058 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 2059 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 2060 2061 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 2062 majority of its members.

2063 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 2064 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2065 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 2066 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2067 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2068 2069 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2070 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

2071 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (11)2072 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 2073 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 2074 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 2075 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 2076 performance of all duties required by this section to be 2077

performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

2078 interest thereon.

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2079 (12)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2080 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 2081 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 2082 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 2083 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 2084 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 2085 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 2086 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 2093 (15)2094 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 2095 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 2096 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 2097 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 2098 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 2099 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 2100 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 2101 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 2102 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 2103 thereof.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 63 R3/5 (16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

2108 **SECTION 7.** Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2109 amended as follows:

2110 (1) A special fund, to be designated the 39-5-145. 2111 "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is 2112 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 2113 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 2114 and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall 2115 consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any 2116 source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds 2117 designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in 2118 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 2119 State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings 2120 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The 2121 expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the 2122 direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based 2123 upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of 2124 Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State 2125 Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and 2126 Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be 2127 allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this 2128 section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from

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2134 (2)Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and 2135 disbursed as follows:

2136 (i) * * * Forty-six Million Two Hundred Thousand (a) 2137 Dollars (\$46,200,000.00) Fifty-one Million Two Hundred Thousand 2138 Dollars (\$51,200,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as 2139 grants on a reimbursable basis through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of 2140 2141 Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist 2142 county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit 2143 2144 organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt 2145 status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping 2146 pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, 2147 repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. 2148 historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties 2149 identified by certified local governments. Where possible, 2150 expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants 2151 or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives 2152 and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have 2153

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2154 obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United 2155 States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those 2156 described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi 2157 2158 Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding 2159 under the provisions of this section.

2160 (ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 2161 Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants 2162 through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of 2163 2164 Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and 2165 2166 renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants 2167 to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a) (ii) shall not 2168 exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

2169 (b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) 2170 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital 2171 2172 improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of 2173 the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is 2174 directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 2175 (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2176 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. 2177 The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other 2178

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2179 than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from 2180 the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of 2181 Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been 2182 withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to 2183 matching funds required by this paragraph.

2184 (C) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be 2185 allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, 2186 Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, 2187 renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing 2188 and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, 2189 Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, 2190 repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, 2191 furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near 2192 the courthouse.

(d) Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
(\$425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to
the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation to pay the costs
of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring,
rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing, equipping and/or acquiring
the L.Q.C. Lamar Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

(e) One Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Columbus City Hall building and related facilities.

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allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Wesson,
Mississippi, to pay the costs of restoration and renovation of the
Old Wesson School.

(g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)
shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of
Shubuta, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated
with construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, repair,
renovation and restoration of the Shubuta Town Hall building and
related facilities.

2214 (h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) 2215 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of 2216 Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with 2217 the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a 2218 building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of 2219 Okolona, for the purpose of establishing a welcome center in which 2220 historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to 2221 2222 the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; 2223 historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; 2224 genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War 2225 Between the States.

2226 (i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be 2227 allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County, 2228 Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, 2229 renovation and restoration of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse.

(j) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)
shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Wayne County,
Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair,
renovation and restoration of the Wayne County Courthouse.

(k) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the cost of rehabilitation and restoration of Winterville Indian Mounds in Washington County, Mississippi.

2238 (1)Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall 2239 be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of 2240 Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying 2241 costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, 2242 equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez 2243 Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and 2244 2245 expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, 2246 Mississippi.

(m) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Jefferson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the confederate cemetery and related properties and facilities in the county.

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(n) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall
be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tate County,
Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with painting,
refurbishment and historical restoration and renovation of the
Tate County Courthouse.

(o) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall
be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Humphreys County,
Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and
renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Humphreys
County Courthouse.

2262 (p) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage 2263 Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state 2264 general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable 2265 actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department 2266 of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related 2267 to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for 2268 which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may be made only until such time as the project is completed. 2269 An 2270 accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is 2271 sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi 2272 Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable 2273 actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three 2274 percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. 2275 Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to 2276 reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 2277 (3)The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives (a) 2278 and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, 2279 2280 universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit 2281 organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt 2282 status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for 2283 projects associated with the preservation, restoration, 2284 rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic 2285 courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other 2286 historic properties identified by certified local governments. 2287 Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 2288 procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The 2289 board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require 2290 matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this 2291 section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in 2292 subsection (2) (a) (ii), (2) (b), (2) (c), (2) (d), (2) (e), (2) (f), 2293 (2)(q), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives 2294 (b) 2295 and History shall receive and consider proposals from county 2296 governments for projects associated with historically appropriate 2297 restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant 2298 county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance 2299 with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards 2300 developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant 2301

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2302 seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not 2303 apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(b), 2304 (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

2305 The Department of Archives and History shall publicize (4)2306 the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in 2307 this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of 2308 the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting 2309 projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding 2310 under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the 2311 deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. 2312 The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography 2313 2314 and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not 2315 apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), 2316 (2) (e) and (2) (f) of this section.

(5) With regard to any project awarded funding under this section, any consultant, planner, architect, engineer, exhibit contracting firm, historic preservation specialist or other professional hired by a grant recipient to work on any such project shall be approved by the board before their employment by the grant recipient.

(6) Plans and specifications for all projects initiated under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the board before the awarding of any contracts. The plans and specifications for any work involving "Mississippi Landmark"

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 72 R3/5 2327 properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of 2328 the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic

2329 Properties."

2330 SECTION 8. (1) As used in this section, the following words 2331 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 2332 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

2342 (2)(a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, 2343 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 2344 2345 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-701. 2346 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 2347 Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 2348 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 2349 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 2350 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 2351 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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2352 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 2353 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 2354 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 2355 2356 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 2357 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 2358 section shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). 2359 No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 2360 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-701. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

2367 (3)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 2368 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 2369 2370 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 2371 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 2372 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 2373 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 2374 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 2375 2376 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 74 R3/5

2377 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 2378 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 2379 commission.

2380 (4)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 2381 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 2382 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 2383 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 2384 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 2385 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 2386 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 2387 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 2388 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 2389 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 2390 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 2391 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 2392 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 2393 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 2394 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 2395 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 2396 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 2397 the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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2402 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 2403 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 2404 (6) 2405 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 2406 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 2407 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 2408 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 2409 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 2410 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 2411 2412 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 2413 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 2414 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission 2415 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 2416 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 2417 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All 2418 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 2419

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 76 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

2431 (7)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2432 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 2433 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2434 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 2435 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2436 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2437 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2438 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2439 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2440 this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-701. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued
 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other
 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and
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FI (H)WM R3/5 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

2457 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (10)2458 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2459 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 2460 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2461 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2462 2463 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2464 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

2465 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (11)2466 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 2467 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 2468 2469 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 2470 performance of all duties required by this section to be 2471 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 2472 interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 78 R3/5 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

2487 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (15)2488 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 2489 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 2490 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 2491 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 2492 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 2493 2494 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 2495 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 2496 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 2497 thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and completeauthority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this

2500 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 2501 any existing law of this state.

2502 SECTION 9. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2503 amended as follows:

2504 57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the 2505 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 2506 this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii)
municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic
development entity including, but not limited to, local
authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and
private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

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(b) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned; and/or

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned.

(c) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.
(d) "Site development improvements" means site
clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to
drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer

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2530 (2)(a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a 2531 special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development 2532 Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the 2533 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source 2534 designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts 2535 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 2536 into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or 2537 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the 2538 credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make 2539 grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

2540 (b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds 2541 of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, 2542 Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, 2543 Laws of 2019, * * * - or Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or 2544 Section 8 of this act, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual 2545 and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the 2546 various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered 2547 by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which 2548 reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement 2549 of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 2550 percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements 2551 under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law 2552 requirements.

2553 (3)(a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to 2554 eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with 2555 improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property 2556 for industrial economic development purposes and other property 2557 improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to 2558 MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in 2559 this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this 2560 section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by 2561 Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or MDA. 2562 in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

2566 (i) A description of the eligible expenditures for 2567 which assistance is requested;

The amount of assistance requested;

(iv) Any other information required by MDA.

2569 (iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be 2570 provided by the eligible entity; and

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2572 (c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall 2573 provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or 2574 plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity 2575 receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

2585 **SECTION 10.** (1) As used in this section, the following 2586 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 2587 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

2596 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

2597 (2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, 2598 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 83 R3/5 2599 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 2600 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-16. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 2601 2602 Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 2603 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 2604 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 2605 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon 2606 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 2607 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 2608 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 2609 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 2610 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 2611 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 2612 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 2613 section shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00). 2614 No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 2615 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the ACE Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-16. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

2622 (3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 2623 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this

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2635 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4)2636 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 2637 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 2638 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 2639 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 2640 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 2641 2642 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 2643 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 2644 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 2645 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 2646 2647 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 2648 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

2659 (6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 2660 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 2661 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 2662 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 2663 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 2664 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 2665 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 2666 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 2667 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 2668 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 2669 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission 2670 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 2671 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 2672 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All

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2673 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable 2674 semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

2686 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (7)2687 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 2688 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2689 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 2690 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2691 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2692 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2693 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2694 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2695 this subsection.

2696 (8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 2697 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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2703 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 2704 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 2705 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 2706 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 2707 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 2708 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 2709 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 2710 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 2711 majority of its members.

2712 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 2713 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2714 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2715 2716 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 2717 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2718 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2719 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other

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2728 (12)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2729 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 2730 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 2731 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 2732 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 2733 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 2734 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 2735 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 89 R3/5 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

2757 SECTION 11. Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2758 amended as follows:

2759 57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the 2760 credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the 2761 Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of * * * Three Hundred Eighty-seven 2762 2763 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$387,500,000.00) Three 2764 Hundred Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 2765 (\$397,500,000.00), not including monies borrowed to refund 2766 outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary 2767 to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rate of interest 2768 on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall 2769 not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds. 2770

2771 (2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, 2772 general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued,

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(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenues derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes.

2793 (5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be 2794 exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

2795 (6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as 2796 to both principal and interest, as the seller may determine. If 2797 interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile 2798 signature of the chairman and secretary of the seller.

2799 The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for (7)2800 the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any 2801 debt issued under the provisions of this chapter and then 2802 outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the 2803 outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of 2804 issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any call 2805 The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and date. 2806 other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the 2807 duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be 2808 governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be 2809 applicable.

(8) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

(9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after April 9, 2002, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority.

2821 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 92 R3/5 2822 exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued.

2823 Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable2824 federal tax law requirements.

2825 SECTION 12. Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2826 amended as follows:

57-61-36. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants to municipalities through a Development Infrastructure Grant Fund to complete infrastructure related to new or expanded industry.

2834 (2) [Repealed]

2835 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the (3)2836 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize the 2837 monies transferred from the Housing Development Revolving Loan 2838 Fund and not more than * * * Ninety-four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$94,100,000.00) One Hundred Four Million One 2839 2840 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,100,000.00) out of the proceeds of 2841 bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of 2842 making grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant and loan fund to aid in 2843 2844 infrastructure-related improvements as determined by the 2845 Mississippi Development Authority, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and renovation of public 2846

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 93 R3/5 2847 facilities. Any bonds previously issued for the Development 2848 Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have not been loaned 2849 or applied for are eligible to be administered as grants or loans. 2850 In making grants and loans under this section, the Mississippi 2851 Development Authority shall attempt to provide for an equitable 2852 distribution of such grants and loans among each of the 2853 congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic 2854 development across the entire state.

The requirements of Section 57-61-9 shall not apply to any grant made under this subsection. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern grants made pursuant to this subsection.

2859 (4) [Repealed]

2860 The Mississippi Development Authority may establish (5)(a) 2861 a Capital Access Program and may contract with any financial 2862 institution to participate in the program upon such terms and 2863 conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. 2864 The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve 2865 accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program 2866 and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower 2867 to such loss reserve accounts. All monies in such loss reserve 2868 accounts is the property of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) Under the Capital Access Program a participating
financial institution may make a loan to any borrower the
Mississippi Development Authority determines to be qualified under

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2878 Under the Capital Access Program a participating (C) 2879 financial institution may make a loan that is secured by the 2880 assignment of the proceeds of a contract between the borrower and 2881 a public entity if the Mississippi Development Authority 2882 determines the loan to be qualified under the rules and regulations adopted by the authority. Under such rules and 2883 2884 regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development 2885 Authority, a participating financial institution may submit an 2886 application to the authority requesting that a loan secured 2887 pursuant to this paragraph be funded under the Capital Access 2888 Program.

2889 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to (d) 2890 the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize 2891 not more than One Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 2892 (\$1,550,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be 2893 issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan 2894 loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that 2895 participate in the Capital Access Program established by the 2896 Mississippi Development Authority; however, any portion of the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 95

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2897 bond proceeds authorized to be utilized by this paragraph that are 2898 not utilized for making payments to loss reserve accounts may be 2899 utilized by the Mississippi Development Authority to advance funds 2900 to financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access 2901 Program pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting Warren County, Mississippi, in the continuation and completion of the study for the proposed Kings Point Levee.

2909 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the (7)2910 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not 2911 more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the 2912 proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the 2913 purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the 2914 resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the 2915 community and junior colleges, the Mississippi Development 2916 Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic 2917 development in the state.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall use not more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for

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2931 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 2932 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not 2933 more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) out of the proceeds 2934 of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose 2935 of assisting in paying the costs of constructing a new spillway 2936 and related bridge and dam structures at Lake Mary in Wilkinson 2937 County, Mississippi, including construction of a temporary dam and 2938 diversion canal, removing existing structures, removing and stockpiling riprap, spillway construction, dam embankment 2939 2940 construction, road access, constructing bridges and related 2941 structures, design and construction engineering and field testing. 2942 (10)Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 2943 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not 2944 more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the 2945 proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in 2946 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 2947 providing water and sewer and other infrastructure services in the 2948 Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties area.

2949 **SECTION 13.** Section 65-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2950 amended as follows:

2951 65-4-25. The Mississippi Development Authority, acting 2952 through its executive director, is authorized, at one time or from time to time, to declare by resolution the necessity for issuance 2953 2954 of negotiable general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 2955 to provide funds for the Economic Development Highway Fund established in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon 2956 2957 the adoption of a resolution by the Executive Director of the 2958 Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the 2959 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds 2960 authorized by Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code 2961 of 1972, the executive director shall deliver a certified copy of 2962 his resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon 2963 receipt of the resolution, the State Bond Commission, in its 2964 discretion, shall act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of 2965 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for the sale of the 2966 bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the 2967 bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do 2968 any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 2969 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The principal amount of 2970 bonds issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi 2971 Code of 1972, shall not exceed * * * Three Hundred Eighty-four

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2972 <u>Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$384,500,000.00)</u> Three

2973 Hundred Ninety-one Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

2974 <u>(\$391,500,000.00)</u> in the aggregate. However, an additional amount 2975 of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, 2976 Mississippi Code of 1972, in an amount not to exceed Seven Million 2977 Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and the proceeds of any such additional 2978 bonds issued shall be used to provide funding for a high economic 2979 benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(vi), 2980 Mississippi Code of 1972. An additional amount of bonds may be

2981 issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, in an amount not to

2982 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the proceeds of which

2983 shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit

2984 project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(v).

2985 SECTION 14. Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as 2986 amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, Laws of 2010 Second 2987 Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 301, Laws 2988 of 2011, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as 2989 amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 2011 First Extraordinary 2990 Session, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, is 2991 amended as follows:

2992 Section 25. (1) As used in this section, the following 2993 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 2994 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any dateof computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

3003 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

3004 (2) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, (a) 3005 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for 3006 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 3007 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-221. 3008 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 3009 Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 3010 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 3011 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 3012 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon 3013 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3014 3015 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3016 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 3017 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 3018 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 3019 3020 section shall not exceed * * * Four Hundred Sixty-eight Million

3021 Dollars (\$468,000,000.00) Five Hundred Four Million Dollars

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3022 <u>(\$504,000,000.00)</u>. No bonds authorized under this section shall 3023 be issued after July 1, 2025.

3024 (b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this 3025 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Industry Incentive 3026 Financing Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-221. 3027 Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section 3028 shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this 3029 section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance 3030 of such bonds.

3031 (3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3032 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3033 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3034 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3035 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3036 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3037 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3038 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3039 3040 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3041 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3042 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3043 commission.

3044 (4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 3045 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3046 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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3047 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3048 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3049 3050 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3051 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3052 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3053 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3054 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3055 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3056 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3057 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3058 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3059 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 3060 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3061 the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

3068 (6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 3069 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3070 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3071 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 102 R3/5 3072 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 3073 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 3074 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 3075 3076 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 3077 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 3078 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 3079 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 3080 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 3081 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 3082 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

3083 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3084 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 3085 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 3086 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 3087 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 3088 commission.

3089 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 3090 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 3091 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 3092 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 3093 dates named therein.

3094 (7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3095 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3096 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 103 R3/5 3097 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3098 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3099 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3100 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3101 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3102 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3103 this subsection.

3104 (8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3105 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 3106 such sale or sales to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing 3107 Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi 3108 3109 Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3110 3111 bonds.

3112 (9)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 3113 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3114 3115 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3116 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3117 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3118 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3119 majority of its members. 3120

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3121 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3122 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3123 3124 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 3125 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3126 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3127 3128 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3129 (11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3130 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 3131 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3132 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3133 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 3134 3135 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3136 interest thereon.

3137 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (12)shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3138 3139 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3140 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3141 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3142 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3143 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 3144

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3145 (13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3146 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3147 Mississippi.

3148 (14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3149 shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including 3150 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

3151 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (15)3152 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3153 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3154 3155 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3156 3157 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3158 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3159 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3160 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3161 thereof.

3162 (16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3163 authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this 3164 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3165 any existing law of this state.

3166 **SECTION 15.** (1) As used in this section, the following 3167 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3168 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

3176 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

3177 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

3178 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 3179 Lawrence County N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge Fund," is created within 3180 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 3181 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 3182 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 3183 3184 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 3185 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge.

3191 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
3192 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
3193 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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3194 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3195 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3196 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3197 3198 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3199 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3200 directed by the commission.

3201 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C) 3202 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 3203 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 3204 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 3205 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3206 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3207 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3208 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3209 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 3210 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 3211

3212 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 3213 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3214 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3215 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3216 3217 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3218

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3219 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3220 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3221 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3222 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3223 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3224 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3225 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3226 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 3227 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred 3228 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 3229 3230 this section after July 1, 2025.

3231 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 3232 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3233 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 3234 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3235 bonds.

3236 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3237 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3238 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3239 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3240 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3241 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3242 3243 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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3244 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3245 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3246 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3247 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3248 commission.

3249 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 3250 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3251 3252 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3253 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3254 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3255 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3256 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3257 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3258 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3259 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3260 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3261 3262 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3263 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3264 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3265 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3266 the State of Mississippi.

3267 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the3268 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

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3273 (7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 3274 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 3275 3276 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 3277 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 3278 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 3279 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3280 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 3281 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 3282 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 3283 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 3284 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 3285 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3286 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3287 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

3288 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3289 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one 3290 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 3291 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 3292 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission. 3293

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

3299 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3300 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3301 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3302 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3303 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3304 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3305 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3306 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3307 3308 this subsection.

3309 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3310 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3311 3312 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3313 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 3314 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3315 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3316 bonds.

3317 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued3318 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 112 R3/5 3319 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3320 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3321 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3322 3323 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3324 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3325 majority of its members.

3326 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)3327 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 3328 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3329 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3330 3331 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3332 3333 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3334 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3335 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3336 3337 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3338 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 3339 performance of all duties required by this section to be 3340 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3341 interest thereon.

3342 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3343 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 113

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for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

3350 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3351 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3352 Mississippi.

3353 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3354 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3355 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

3356 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)3357 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3358 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 3359 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3360 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3361 3362 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3363 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3364 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3365 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3366 thereof.

3367 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3368 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 114 3369 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3370 any existing law of this state.

3371 SECTION 16. (1) As used in this section, the following 3372 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3373 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

3382 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 3383 (a) (i) 3384 Marshall County Emergency Response Center Fund," is created within 3385 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 3386 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 3387 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 3388 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 3389 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 3390 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Marshall

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County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a full-time emergency response center, including ambulance service, a fire station and a sheriff's department substation, to serve the growing area in and around the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park.

3398 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 3399 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3400 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3401 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3402 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3403 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3404 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3405 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3406 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3407 directed by the commission.

The Department of Finance and Administration, 3408 (C)3409 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 3410 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 3411 3412 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3413 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3414 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3415 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3416 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 3417 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 3418

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 3419 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 3420 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3421 3422 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 3423 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3424 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3425 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3426 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3427 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3428 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3429 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3430 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3431 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3432 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 3433 3434 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3435 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million 3436 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 3437

3438 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 3439 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3440 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 3441 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3442 bonds. 3443 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3444 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3445 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3446 3447 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3448 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3449 3450 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3451 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3452 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3453 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3454 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3455 commission.

3456 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)3457 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3458 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3459 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3460 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3461 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3462 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3463 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3464 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3465 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3466 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3467

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3468 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3469 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3470 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3471 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3472 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3473 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

3480 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)3481 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 3482 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 3483 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 3484 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 3485 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 3486 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3487 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 3488 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 3489 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 3490 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 3491 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3492

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3493 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3494 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

3501 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 3502 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 3503 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 3504 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 3505 dates named therein.

3506 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 3507 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3508 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3509 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3510 3511 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3512 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3513 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3514 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3515 this subsection.

3516 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3517 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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3524 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)3525 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3526 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3527 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3528 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3529 3530 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3531 3532 majority of its members.

3533 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3534 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3535 3536 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 3537 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3538 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 3539 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3540 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3541 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3542 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 121 R3/5 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

3549 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3550 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3551 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3552 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3553 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3554 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3555 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3556 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3557 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3558 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3559 Mississippi.

3560 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3561 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3562 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

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3568 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3569 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3570 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3571 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3572 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3573 thereof.

3574 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3575 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3576 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3577 any existing law of this state.

3578 SECTION 17. Section 5, Chapter 454, Laws of 2019, as amended 3579 by Section 130, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as 3580 follows:

3581 Section 5. (1) As used in this section, the following words 3582 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 3583 requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

3592 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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3593 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated the "2019 (a) Concourse Workforce Training Center," is created within the State 3594 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 3595 3596 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 3597 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 3598 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 3599 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 3600 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings and related facilities in the City of Batesville, Mississippi, to house the Concourse Workforce Training Center.

3607 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 3608 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3609 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3610 3611 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3612 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3613 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3614 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3615 directed by the commission. 3616

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3617 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3618 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3619 3620 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 3621 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3622 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3623 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3624 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3625 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3626 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3627 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3628 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3629 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3630 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3631 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 3632 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3633 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) Five Million Dollars 3634

3635 <u>(\$5,000,000.00)</u>. No bonds shall be issued under this section 3636 after July 1, 2023.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 125 R3/5 3642 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3643 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3644 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3645 3646 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3647 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3648 3649 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3650 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3651 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3652 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3653 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3654 commission.

3655 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)3656 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3657 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3658 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3659 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3660 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3661 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3662 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3663 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3664 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3665 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3666

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3667 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3668 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3669 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3670 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3671 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3672 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

3679 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)3680 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3681 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3682 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 3683 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 3684 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 3685 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 3686 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 3687 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 3688 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 3689 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 3690 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 3691

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 127 R3/5 3692 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 3693 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one * * * (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

3705 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 3706 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3707 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3708 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3709 3710 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3711 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3712 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3713 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3714 this subsection.

3715 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3716 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 128 R3/5 3717 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3718 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3719 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 3720 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3721 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3722 bonds.

3723 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)3724 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3725 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3726 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3727 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3728 3729 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3730 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3731 majority of its members.

3732 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3733 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3734 3735 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 3736 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3737 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 3738 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3739 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3740 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3741 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3748 3749 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3750 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3751 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3752 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3753 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3754 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3755 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3756 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3757 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3758 Mississippi.

3759 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3760 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3761 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 130 R3/5 3767 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3768 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3769 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3770 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3771 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3772 thereof.

3773 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3774 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3775 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3776 any existing law of this state.

3777 SECTION 18. (1) As used in this section, the following 3778 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3779 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

3789 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
3790 Longleaf Trace Improvements Fund," is created within the State
3791 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 131 R3/5 3792 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 3793 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 3794 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 3795 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 3796 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

3797 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
3798 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
3799 Administration, to assist the Pearl and Leaf Rivers
3800 Rails-to-Trails Recreational District with trail overlay or bridge
3801 repairs on the Longleaf Trace between Hattiesburg, Mississippi,
3802 and Prentiss, Mississippi.

3803 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 3804 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3805 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3806 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3807 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3808 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3809 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3810 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3811 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3812 directed by the commission.

3813 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration, 3814 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 3815 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 3816 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the

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3817 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3818 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3819 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3820 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3821 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 3822 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 3823 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

3824 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 3825 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3826 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3827 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 3828 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3829 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3830 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3831 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3832 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3833 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3834 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3835 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3836 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3837 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3838 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3839 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 3840

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3841 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 3842 this section after July 1, 2025.

3843 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 3844 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3845 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 3846 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3847 bonds.

3848 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3849 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3850 3851 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3852 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3853 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3854 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3855 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3856 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3857 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3858 3859 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3860 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21/SS26/SB2971CB.1J

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3866 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3867 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3868 3869 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3870 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3871 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3872 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3873 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3874 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3875 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3876 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3877 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3878 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all

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3891 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3892 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 3893 3894 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 3895 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 3896 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3897 3898 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3899 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

3900 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3901 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one 3902 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 3903 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 3904 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 3905 selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

3911 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3912 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3913 3914 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3915 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 136 R3/5

3916 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3917 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3918 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3919 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3920 this subsection.

3921 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3922 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 3923 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3924 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3925 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 3926 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3927 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3928 bonds.

3929 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)3930 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3931 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3932 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3933 3934 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3935 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3936 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3937 majority of its members.

3938 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
3939 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
3940 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
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3941 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13,
3942 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
3943 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
3944 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or
3945 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3946 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3947 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 3948 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3949 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 3950 3951 performance of all duties required by this section to be 3952 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3953 interest thereon.

3954 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3955 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3956 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3957 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3958 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3959 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3960 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3961 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3962 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3963 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3964 Mississippi.

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3965 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3966 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3967 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

3968 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)3969 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3970 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 3971 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3972 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 3973 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3974 3975 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3976 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3977 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3978 thereof.

3979 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3980 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3981 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3982 any existing law of this state.

3983 SECTION 19. Section 106, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 3984 amended to read as follows:

3985 Section 106. (1) As used in this section, the following 3986 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3987 clearly requires otherwise:

3988 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 3989 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 139 R3/5 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

3995 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. 3996 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 3997 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) (i) 3998 East Metro Corridor Project Fund," is created within the State 3999 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 4000 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 4001 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 4002 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 4003 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 4004 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the East Metropolitan Corridor Commission in paying the costs associated with land acquisition and implementation of the East Metro Corridor project in Rankin County, Mississippi.

4011 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
4012 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
4013 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
4014 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described
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4015 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4016 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4017 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4018 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4019 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4020 directed by the commission.

4021 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 4022 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4023 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4024 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4025 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4026 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4027 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4028 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4029 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4030 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4031 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4032 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4033 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4034 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4035 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4036 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Four 4037 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) Five Million 4038

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4039 <u>Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00)</u>. No bonds shall be 4040 issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

4046 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4047 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4048 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4049 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4050 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4051 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4052 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4053 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4054 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4055 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4056 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4057 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4058 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

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4064 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4065 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4066 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4067 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4068 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4069 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4070 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4071 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4072 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4073 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4074 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4075 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4076 the State of Mississippi.

4077 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
4078 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
4079 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
4080 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
4081 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
4082 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4083 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 4084 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 4085 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 4086 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 4087 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 4088 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 143 R3/5 4089 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 4090 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 4091 4092 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 4093 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 4094 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 4095 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 4096 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 4097 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

4109 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4110 4111 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4112 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4113 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 144 R3/5

4114 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4115 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4116 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4117 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4118 this subsection.

4119 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4120 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4121 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4122 The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed of this section. 4123 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4124 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4125 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4126 bonds.

4127 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)4128 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4129 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 4130 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4131 4132 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4133 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4134 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4135 majority of its members.

4136 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
4137 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
4138 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
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4139 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4140 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4141 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4142 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4143 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4144 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4145 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4146 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4147 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4148 4149 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4150 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4151 interest thereon.

4152 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4153 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4154 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4155 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4156 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4157 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4158 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4159 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4160 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4161 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4162 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4166 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)4167 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4168 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4169 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4170 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4171 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4172 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 4173 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4174 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 4175 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4176 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

4181 SECTION 20. (1) As used in this section, the following 4182 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4183 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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4188 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 4189 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 4190 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 4192 (C) 4193 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Yazoo County Highway 49 Frontage Road Repair Fund," is created 4194 4195 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 4196 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 4197 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 4198 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4199 4200 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

4201 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
4202 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
4203 Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Yazoo
4204 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and
4205 improvements to the U.S. Highway 49 Frontage Road.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described
in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,
abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

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4216 (C)The Department of Finance and Administration, 4217 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 4218 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 4219 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4220 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 4221 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4222 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 4223 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 4224 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 4225 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 4226 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

4227 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 4228 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4229 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4230 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4231 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4232 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4233 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4234 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4235 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4236 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4237 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the

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4238 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4239 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4240 4241 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4242 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4243 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Three 4244 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00). No bonds shall be 4245 issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

4251 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)4252 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4253 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4254 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4255 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4256 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4257 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4258 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4259 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4260 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4261

4262 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4263 commission.

4264 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 4265 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4266 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4267 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4268 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4269 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4270 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4271 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4272 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4273 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4274 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4275 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4276 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4277 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4278 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4279 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4280 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4281 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

4286 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 4287 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 4288 (7)4289 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4290 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4291 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4292 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4293 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 4294 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 4295 4296 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 4297 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4298 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4299 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4300 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4301 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4302 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

4309 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 4310 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 152 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4311 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 4312 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 4313 dates named therein.

4314 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4315 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4316 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4317 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4318 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4319 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4320 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4321 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4322 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4323 this subsection.

4324 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 4325 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4326 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4327 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4328 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4329 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4330 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4331 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 153 R3/5 4336 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4337 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4338 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4339 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4340 majority of its members.

4341 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 4342 4343 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4344 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4345 4346 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4347 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4348 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4349 (12)4350 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4351 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4352 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4353 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4354 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4355 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4356 interest thereon.

4357 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
4358 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
4359 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
4360 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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4361 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4362 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4363 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4364 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4365 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4366 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4367 Mississippi.

4368 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
4369 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
4370 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4371 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 4372 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4373 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4374 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4375 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4376 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4377 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4378 4379 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4380 4381 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 155 R3/5 4386 **SECTION 21.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4387 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4388 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

4398 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) Commerce Park Connector Fund," is created within the State 4399 4400 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 4401 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 4402 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 4403 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 4404 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 4405 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying the costs associated with the preconstruction, design, engineering, land acquisition,

4410 right-of-way acquisition, construction and development of the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 156 R3/5 4411 Commerce Park Connector project from Lake Harbour Drive to 4412 Highland Colony Parkway in Madison County, Mississippi.

4413 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 4414 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4415 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4416 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4417 in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, 4418 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4419 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4420 4421 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4422 directed by the commission.

4423 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 4424 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4425 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4426 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4427 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4428 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4429 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4430 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4431 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4432 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4433 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4434 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4435 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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)FI (H)WM R3/5 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

4447 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4448 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4449 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4450 4451 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4452 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4453 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4454 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4455 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4456 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4457 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4458 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4459 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 158 4460 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 4461 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4462 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4463 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4464 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4465 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4466 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 4467 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may 4468 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of 4469 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4470 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4471 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4472 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4473 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4474 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4475 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4476 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4477 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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4484 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 4485 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 4486 4487 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 4488 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 4489 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 4490 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 4491 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 4492 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 4493 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 4494 4495 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 4496 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 4497 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 4498 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

4508 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 4509 dates named therein.

4510 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4511 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4512 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4513 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4514 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4515 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4516 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4517 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4518 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 4519

4520 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 4521 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4522 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4523 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4524 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4525 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4526 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4527 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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4533 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4534 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4535 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4536 majority of its members.

4537 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 4538 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4539 4540 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4541 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4542 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4543 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4544 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4545 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)4546 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4547 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4548 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4549 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4550 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4551 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4552 interest thereon.

4553 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4554 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4555 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4556 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4557 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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4558 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4559 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4560 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4561 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4562 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4563 Mississippi.

4564 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 4565 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 4566 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4567 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)4568 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4569 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of 4570 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4571 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4572 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4573 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State 4574 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 4575 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to 4576 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4577 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 163 4582 **SECTION 22.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4583 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4584 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

4593 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)4594 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 4595 Yellow Creek Port Medical Clinic Fund," is created within the 4596 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 4597 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 4598 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 4599 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 4600 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4601 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

4602 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
4603 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
4604 Administration, to assist the Yellow Creek State Inland Port in
4605 paying costs associated with the construction of a medical clinic.

4606 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 4607 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4608 4609 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4610 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4611 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4612 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4613 4614 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4615 directed by the commission.

4616 (C) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 4617 4618 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 4619 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4620 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 4621 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4622 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 4623 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 4624 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 4625 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 4626 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 4627 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4628 4629 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

4630 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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4631 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4632 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4633 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4634 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4635 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4636 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4637 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4638 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4639 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4640 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4641 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4642 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4643 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued 4644 4645 under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

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4656 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4657 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4658 4659 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4660 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4661 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4662 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4663 commission.

4664 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 4665 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4666 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4667 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4668 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4669 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4670 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4671 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4672 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4673 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4674 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4675 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4676 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4677 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4678 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4679

4680 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4681 the State of Mississippi.

4682 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 4683 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 4684 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 4685 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 4686 4687 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4688 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)4689 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4690 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4691 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4692 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4693 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 4694 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 4695 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 4696 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 4697 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4698 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4699 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4700 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4701 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4702 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

4703 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 4704 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one

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4705 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 4706 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 4707 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 4708 selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

4714 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4715 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4716 4717 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4718 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4719 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4720 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4721 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4722 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4723 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed
solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and
Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

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4732 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)4733 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4734 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 4735 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 4736 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4737 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4738 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4739 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4740 majority of its members.

4741 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)4742 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 4743 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4744 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4745 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4746 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4747 4748 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be

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4755 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4756 interest thereon.

4757 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4758 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4759 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4760 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4761 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4762 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4763 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 4764

4765 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4766 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4767 Mississippi.

4768 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 4769 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 4770 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4771 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)4772 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4773 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4774 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4775 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4776 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4777 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4778 4779 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 171 R3/5

4780 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4781 thereof.

4782 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4783 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4784 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4785 any existing law of this state.

4786 **SECTION 23.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4787 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4788 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

4796 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 4797 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 4798 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 4799 Prentiss County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the 4800 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 4801 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 4802 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 4803

4804 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4805 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

4806 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 4807 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 4808 Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Prentiss 4809 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the 4810 replacement of Bridges 114 and 115 on County Road 4050 and Bridge 4811 147 on County Road 5250.

4812 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 4813 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4814 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4815 4816 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4817 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4818 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4819 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4820 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4821 directed by the commission.

4822 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C) 4823 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 4824 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 4825 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4826 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 4827 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4828 under the direction of the Department of Finance and

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4833 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 4834 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4835 4836 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4837 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4838 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4839 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4840 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4841 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4842 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4843 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4844 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4845 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4846 4847 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4848 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4849 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Six Hundred Fifty 4850 Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 4851 this section after July 1, 2025.

4852 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 4853 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 174 R3/5 4854 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 4855 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 4856 bonds.

4857 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4858 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4859 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4860 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4861 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4862 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4863 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4864 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4865 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4866 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4867 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4868 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4869 commission.

4870 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4871 4872 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4873 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4874 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4875 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4876 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4877 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4878

4879 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4880 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4881 4882 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4883 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4884 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4885 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 4886 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4887 the State of Mississippi.

4888 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 4889 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 4890 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 4891 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 4892 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 4893 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4894 (7)The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 4895 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4896 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4897 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4898 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4899 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 4900 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 4901 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 4902 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4903

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4904 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4905 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4906 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4907 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4908 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

4920 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 4921 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4922 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4923 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4924 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4925 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4926 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4927 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain

4928 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4929 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4930 (9) 4931 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4932 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4933 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4934 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4935 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4936 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4937 bonds.

4938 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 4939 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4940 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 4941 Any 4942 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4943 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4944 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4945 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4946 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
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4953 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4954 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4955 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)4956 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4957 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4958 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4959 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4960 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4961 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4962 interest thereon.

4963 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4964 4965 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4966 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4967 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4968 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4969 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4970 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4971 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4972 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4973 Mississippi.

4974 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 4975 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 4976 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 179 4977 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 4978 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4979 4980 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4981 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4982 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4983 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 4984 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4985 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 4986 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4987 thereof.

4988 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4989 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4990 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4991 any existing law of this state.

4992 SECTION 24. (1) As used in this section, the following 4993 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4994 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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5002 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 5003 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 5004 (a) (i) West Point Street Paving Fund," is created within the State 5005 5006 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 5007 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 5008 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 5009 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 5010 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 5011 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with the paving of city streets.

5016 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 5017 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5018 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5019 5020 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 5021 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5022 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5023 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5024 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5025 directed by the commission.

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5026 (C)The Department of Finance and Administration, 5027 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 5028 5029 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 5030 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 5031 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 5032 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 5033 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 5034 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 5035 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 5036 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

5037 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 5038 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5039 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5040 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 5041 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5042 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5043 5044 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5045 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5046 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5047 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5048 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5049 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5050

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do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

5056 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 5057 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 5058 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 5059 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 5060 bonds.

5061 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 5062 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5063 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5064 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5065 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 5066 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5067 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5068 5069 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5070 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5071 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5072 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5073 commission.

5074 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 5075 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and

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5076 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5077 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5078 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5079 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5080 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5081 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5082 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5083 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5084 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5085 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5086 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5087 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5088 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5089 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 5090 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5091 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

5098 (7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 5099 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 5100 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 184 R3/5 5101 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 5102 5103 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 5104 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 5105 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 5106 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 5107 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 5108 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 5109 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 5110 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 5111 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 5112 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 5113 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

5119 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5120 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5121 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5122 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5123 dates named therein.

5124 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5125 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the

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5134 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 5135 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 5136 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 5137 5138 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 5139 5140 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 5141 bonds.

5142 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5143 5144 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5145 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 5146 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5147 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5148 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5149 majority of its members. 5150

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5151 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 5152 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5153 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5154 5155 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5156 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5157 5158 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

5159 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5160 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 5161 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5162 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 5163 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 5164 5165 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5166 interest thereon.

5167 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5168 5169 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5170 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5171 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5172 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5173 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 5174

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5175 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5176 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5177 Mississippi.

5178 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5179 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5180 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5181 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)5182 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5183 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5184 5185 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5186 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5187 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 5188 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5189 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 5190 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5191 thereof.

5192 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5193 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5194 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5195 any existing law of this state.

5196 SECTION 25. Section 112, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 5197 amended to read as follows:

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5198 Section 112. (1) As used in this section, the following 5199 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5200 clearly requires otherwise:

5201 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 5202 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 5203 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 5204 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 5205 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 5206 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 5207 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

5209 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 5210 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) (i) Lowndes County Manufactures Drive Extension Fund" is created 5211 5212 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 5213 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 5214 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 5215 5216 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 5217 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

5218 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 5219 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 5220 Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes 5221 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Manufactures Drive from its current southern terminus to extend 5222 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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5223 first to the east and then northward to interconnect with Artesia 5224 Road at a location east of the current intersection of 5225 Manufactures Drive and Artesia Road, provided that such funds may 5226 also be used to fund the acquisition of any right-of-way, if 5227 necessary, for such roadway extension, together with any striping 5228 and/or signage associated therewith.

5229 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 5230 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5231 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5232 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5233 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5234 5235 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5236 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5237 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5238 directed by the commission.

5239 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 5240 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5241 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5242 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 5243 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5244 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 5245 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5246 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5247 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 5248 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5249 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5250 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5251 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5252 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5253 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5254 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * One Million 5255 5256 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No 5257 bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

5263 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 5264 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5265 5266 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5267 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 5268 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5269 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 5270 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5271 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5272 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 191 R3/5

5273 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5274 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5275 commission.

5276 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 5277 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5278 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5279 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5280 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5281 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5282 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5283 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5284 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5285 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5286 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5287 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5288 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5289 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5290 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5291 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 5292 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5293 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 192 R3/5 5298 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 5299 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 5300 (7)5301 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 5302 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 5303 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 5304 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 5305 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 5306 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 5307 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 5308 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 5309 5310 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 5311 5312 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 5313 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 5314

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

5321 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5322 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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5323 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5324 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5325 dates named therein.

5326 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5327 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 5328 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 5329 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 5330 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5331 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5332 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 5333 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5334 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5335 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 5336 (9) 5337 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 5338 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 5339 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 5340 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 5341 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 5342 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 5343 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

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5353 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 5354 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 5355 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5356 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5357 5358 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 5359 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5360 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5361 (12)5362 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 5363 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5364 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 5365 5366 performance of all duties required by this section to be 5367 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5368 interest thereon.

5369 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
5370 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
5371 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
5372 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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5373 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5374 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5375 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 5376 of securing the deposit of public funds.

5377 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5378 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5379 Mississippi.

5380 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5381 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5382 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5383 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 5384 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5385 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 5386 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5387 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5388 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5389 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5390 5391 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5392 5393 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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5398 **SECTION 26.** (1) As used in this section, the following 5399 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5400 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

5409 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

5410 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Neshoba County Road 210 Bridge Repairs and Improvements Fund," is 5411 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 5412 5413 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 5414 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 5415 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 5416 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 5417 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba
County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and
improvements to the County Road 210 bridge.

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5423 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 5424 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5425 5426 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5427 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 5428 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5429 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5430 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5431 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5432 directed by the commission.

5433 (C) The Department of Finance and Administration, 5434 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 5435 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 5436 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 5437 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 5438 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 5439 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 5440 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 5441 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 5442 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 5443 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 5444 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5445

5446 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

5447 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

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5448 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5449 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 5450 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5451 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5452 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5453 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5454 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5455 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5456 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5457 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5458 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5459 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5460 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 5461 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 5462 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

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5473 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5474 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5475 5476 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5477 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5478 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5479 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5480 commission.

5481 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 5482 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5483 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5484 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5485 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5486 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5487 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5488 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5489 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5490 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5491 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5492 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5493 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5494 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5495 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5496 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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5497 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5498 the State of Mississippi.

All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 5499 (6) 5500 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 5501 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 5502 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 5503 5504 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

5505 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)5506 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 5507 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 5508 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 5509 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 5510 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 5511 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 5512 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 5513 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 5514 5515 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 5516 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 5517 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 5518 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 5519 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 5520 5521 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one

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5522 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 5523 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 5524 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 5525 selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

5531 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5532 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 5533 5534 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 5535 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5536 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5537 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 5538 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5539 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5540 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

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5549 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)5550 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5551 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5552 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 5553 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 5554 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5555 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5556 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5557 majority of its members.

5558 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)5559 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 5560 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5561 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5562 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5563 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5564 5565 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 203 R3/5 5572 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5573 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5574 5575 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5576 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5577 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5578 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5579 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5580 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 5581

5582 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5583 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5584 Mississippi.

5585 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5586 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5587 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5588 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)5589 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5590 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 5591 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5592 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5593 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5594 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 5595 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5596 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 204 R3/5

5597 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5598 thereof.

5599 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5600 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5601 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5602 any existing law of this state.

5603 SECTION 27. (1) As used in this section, the following 5604 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5605 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

5613 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 5614 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 5615 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) 5616 City of Starkville Hospital Road and Stark Road Extension Fund," 5617 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 5618 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 5619 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 5620 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 5621 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 205 R3/5

5622 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 5623 such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of Hospital Road and Stark Road.

5629 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 5630 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5631 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5632 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5633 in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, 5634 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5635 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5636 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5637 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5638 directed by the commission.

5639 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 5640 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5641 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5642 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 5643 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5644 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5645 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5646

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5647 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5648 5649 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5650 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5651 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5652 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5653 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5654 5655 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 5656 5657 section after July 1, 2025.

5658 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into (b) 5659 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 5660 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 5661 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 5662 bonds.

5663 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5664 5665 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5666 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5667 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5668 5669 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5670 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5671

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time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

5676 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 5677 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5678 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5679 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5680 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5681 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5682 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 5683 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may 5684 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of 5685 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5686 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5687 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5688 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5689 5690 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5691 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 5692 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5693 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 208 R3/5 5697 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 5698 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 5699 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

5700 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)5701 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 5702 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 5703 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 5704 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 5705 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 5706 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 5707 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 5708 5709 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 5710 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 5711 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 5712 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 5713 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 5714

5715 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 5716 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 5717 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 5718 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 5719 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 5720 commission.

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5721 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5722 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5723 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5724 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5725 dates named therein.

5726 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5727 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 5728 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 5729 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 5730 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5731 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5732 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 5733 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5734 5735 this subsection.

5736 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 5737 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 5738 5739 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 5740 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 5741 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 5742 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 5743 bonds.

5744 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 5745 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

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5746 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5747 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 5748 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5749 5750 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5751 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5752 majority of its members.

5753 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)5754 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 5755 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5756 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5757 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5758 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5759 5760 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

5761 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5762 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5763 5764 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 5765 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 5766 performance of all duties required by this section to be 5767 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5768 interest thereon.

5769 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5770 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 211

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5771 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5772 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5773 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5774 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5775 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 5776 of securing the deposit of public funds.

5777 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5778 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5779 Mississippi.

5780 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5781 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5782 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5783 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)5784 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5785 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of 5786 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5787 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5788 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5789 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State 5790 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 5791 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to 5792 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5793 thereof.

5794 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5795 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 212 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 5796 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5797 any existing law of this state.

5798 SECTION 28. Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5799 amended as follows:

5800 57-1-221. (1) As used in this section:

5801 (a) "Approved business enterprise" means any project 5802 that:

(i) Locates or expands in this state and creates a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties;

(ii) Locates or expands in this state and creates a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in areas federally designated as low-income census tracts;

5812 (iii) Locates or expands in this state and creates 5813 a minimum of one thousand (1,000) new, full-time jobs;

(iv) Is a manufacturer of high-end kitchen appliances having at least four hundred (400) employees working at its Mississippi facilities on January 1, 2015, and with a capital investment of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) made after July 1, 2014, through four (4) years after July 1, 2015, that expands in this state, and retains a minimum of four hundred

5820 (400) jobs; or

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5821 Locates or expands in this state with (v)5822 significant regional impact as determined by MDA. 5823 "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority. (b) 5824 "Facility related to the project" means and (C) 5825 includes any of the following, as they may pertain to the project: 5826 (i) Facilities to provide potable and industrial 5827 water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water, 5828 natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the 5829 project; 5830 (ii) Building facilities and equipment necessary 5831 to operate the facility; (iii) Rail lines; 5832 5833 (iv) Airports, airfields, air terminals and port 5834 facilities; 5835 (V) Highways, streets and other roadways; and 5836 (vi) Fire protection facilities, equipment and 5837 elevated water tanks. "Project" means any industrial, commercial, 5838 (d) 5839 research and development, warehousing, distribution, 5840 transportation, processing, mining, United States government or 5841 tourism enterprise together with all real property required for 5842 construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise that is 5843 approved by the MDA. 5844 There is created a special fund in the State (2)(a) Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Industry Incentive 5845

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 214 (S)FI (H)WM 5846 Financing Revolving Fund which shall consist of monies from any 5847 source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 5848 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in 5849 5850 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Except as 5851 otherwise provided, monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the 5852 Mississippi Development Authority for the purposes authorized in 5853 subsection (3) of this section. The Mississippi Development 5854 Authority shall allocate and disburse Thirty Million Dollars 5855 (\$30,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Mississippi State 5856 University for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a 5857 high-performance computing data center that is home to federally 5858 designated centers of computing excellence. The disbursement of 5859 such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this 5860 section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi 5861 Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi 5862 Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Three Million 5863 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Delta Health 5864 System for capital costs related to hospital systems expansion. 5865 The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any 5866 requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by 5867 the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The 5868 Mississippi Development Authority shall disburse such funds to 5869 Delta Health System not later than thirty (30) days after the 5870 effective date of this act.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 215 R3/5 5871 (b) Monies in the fund that are derived from the 5872 proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the 5873 administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive 5874 5875 programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs 5876 incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by 5877 the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs 5878 shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds 5879 Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy issued. 5880 any applicable federal tax law requirements.

5881 (3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants or 5882 loans from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving 5883 Fund to local governments, including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, industrial development authorities and 5884 economic development districts, and approved business enterprises 5885 5886 to construct or otherwise provide facilities related to the 5887 project. Local governments are authorized to accept grants and enter into loans authorized under the program, and to sell, lease 5888 5889 or otherwise dispose of a project or any property related to the 5890 project in whole or in part.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any business enterprise or local government desiring a grant or loan under this section shall submit an application to the MDA which shall include, at a minimum:

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5895 (i) Evidence that the business or industry meets 5896 the definition of an approved business enterprise;

5897 (ii) A description, including the cost, of the 5898 requested assistance;

5899 (iii) A description of the purpose for which the 5900 assistance is requested; and

(iv) Any other information required by the MDA.
(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into
requiring that:

5905 (i) The minimum requirements of this section and 5906 such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; 5907 and

5908 (ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a 5909 portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the 5910 MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business enterprise or local government for a grant or loan under this section, the MDA shall determine whether the enterprise meets the definition of an approved business enterprise and determine whether to provide the assistance requested in the form of a grant or a loan.

5917 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) (a)
5918 of this section, the MDA shall have sole discretion in providing
5919 grants or loans under this section. The terms of a grant or loan
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5920 provided under this section and the manner of repayment of any 5921 loan shall be within the discretion of the MDA. Repayments of 5922 loans made under this section shall be deposited to the credit of 5923 the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund until 5924 the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars 5925 (\$50,000,000.00). Once the uncommitted balance in the fund 5926 reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), repayments of 5927 loans under this section shall be deposited to the credit of Fund 5928 No. 3951 in the State Treasury to pay debt service on bonds until such time as the uncommitted balance in the fund falls below Fifty 5929 Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). 5930

5931 The MDA shall notify the Chairman of the Senate (e) 5932 Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means 5933 Committee of the approval of any grant or loan application thirty 5934 (30) days prior to the disbursement of any monies for the loan or 5935 grant from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving 5936 The notification shall identify the applicant and the Fund. purposes for which the loan or grant is made. 5937

5938 (5) (a) Contracts, by local governments, including, but not 5939 limited to, design and construction contracts, for the 5940 acquisition, purchase, construction or installation of a project 5941 shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 31-7-13 if:

(i) The MDA finds and records such finding on its minutes, that because of availability or the particular nature of a project, it would not be in the public interest or would less

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5945 effectively achieve the purposes of this section to enter into 5946 such contracts on the basis of Section 31-7-13; and

5947 (ii) The approved business enterprise that is 5948 involved in the project concurs in such finding.

5949 (b) When the requirements of paragraph (a) of this 5950 subsection are met:

5951 (i) The requirements of Section 31-7-13 shall not 5952 apply to such contracts; and

5953 (ii) The contracts may be entered into on the 5954 basis of negotiation.

5955 (6) It is the policy of the MDA and the MDA is authorized to 5956 accommodate and support any enterprise that receives a loan under 5957 this section for a project defined in Section 17-25-23 that wishes 5958 to have a program of diversity in contracting, and/or that wishes 5959 to do business with or cause its prime contractor to do business 5960 with Mississippi companies, including those companies that are 5961 small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and 5962 5963 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning 5964 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act 5965 (15 USCS 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations 5966 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed 5967 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the 5968 purposes of this subsection.

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5969 (7) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in 5970 accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for 5971 the implementation of this section.

5972 SECTION 29. Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5973 amended as follows:

5974 57-119-9. (1) Applicants who are eligible for assistance 5975 under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of 5976 government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher 5977 learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private 5978 partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit 5979 entities and local economic development entities. Projects that 5980 are eligible for assistance under this section are projects that 5981 have the potential to generate increased economic activity in the 5982 region, as described in Section 57-119-11(3).

5983 (2) MDA shall establish criteria, rules, and procedures for 5984 accepting and reviewing applications for assistance under this 5985 section. MDA, with advice from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund 5986 Advisory Board, shall review, compile and score all timely 5987 received applications, and shall present the applications and its 5988 recommendations for assistance to individual projects under this 5989 section to the Legislature no later than December 1 of the year. 5990 The Legislature shall determine individual projects that will be 5991 funded under this section by separate line items in an

5992 appropriation bill.

(3) Applications for assistance under this section will be received through web portals set up by MDA. MDA shall set criteria for the web portal which may include protection of the confidentiality of any or all of the application<u>s</u>.

5997 (4) The project described in paragraph (m) of Section 18,
5998 Chapter 106, Laws of 2020 (Senate Bill No. 2977), to assist George
5999 County with a rail connection project, shall not be required to
6000 meet the criteria established by the Mississippi Development
6001 Authority for the selection and recommendation of projects under
6002 this section in order to receive the funds allocated for that
6003 project under Chapter 106.

6004 SECTION 30. For any incentive program for which the (1)6005 Department of Revenue audits, verifies or otherwise reviews 6006 information submitted by an applicant, program participant or 6007 other entity for the purposes of the incentive program and 6008 eligibility for any incentive under the program, the applicant, 6009 program participant or other entity may employ a qualified 6010 accountant to perform a third-party audit, verification or other review of such information, in lieu of the Department of Revenue 6011 6012 doing so, for the purposes of the incentive program and 6013 eligibility for any incentive under the program. The applicant, 6014 program participant or other entity shall be responsible for all costs associated with such purposes, and the qualified accountant 6015 shall provide the third-party audit, verification or other review 6016 of information to the Department of Revenue. The Department of 6017

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 221 6018 Revenue shall accept and approve the third-party audit,

6019 verification or other review of information for the purposes of 6020 the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the 6021 program and shall notify the applicant, program participant or 6022 other entity of such acceptance and approval within thirty (30) 6023 days after receipt of the

6024 third-party audit, verification or other review of information. 6025 If the Department of Revenue does not notify the applicant, 6026 program participant or other entity of such acceptance and 6027 approval within thirty (30) days after receipt of the 6028 third-party audit, verification or other review of information, 6029 then the third-party audit, verification or other review of 6030 information shall be automatically approved and valid for the 6031 purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any 6032 incentive under the program. The State of Mississippi shall not 6033 be liable for or otherwise responsible for any actions of a 6034 qualified accountant.

6035 For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified (2) 6036 accountant" means a certified public accountant (CPA) who: (a) 6037 maintains an active unrestricted original certified public 6038 accountant license, (b) maintains a current Mississippi certified 6039 public accountant firm permit, (c) actively participates in a peer 6040 review program approved by the State Board of Certified Public 6041 Accountants of Mississippi, (d) completes twenty (20) active hours of continuing professional education in approved courses for each 6042 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 222 R3/5

6043 reporting cycle, and (e) is capable of conducting two (2) levels 6044 of review within the CPA firm or, if not within the firm, then 6045 through a cooperative endeavor with another CPA for the review of 6046 a verification report prior to its issuance.

6047 **SECTION 31.** Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 6048 amended as follows:

6049 27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the 6050 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 6051 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: "Department" means the Department of Revenue. 6052 (a) 6053 (b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an 6054 organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 6055 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is: 6056 Licensed by or under contract * * * or (i) 6057 agreement with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection 6058 Services and provides services for: 6059 1. The prevention and diversion of children from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, 6060 6061 2. The safety, care and well-being of 6062 children in custody with the Department of Child Protection 6063 Services, or 6064 3. The express purpose of creating permanency 6065 for children through adoption; or 6066 (ii) Certified by the department as:

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6067 1. * * * <u>A job training, workforce</u> 6068 development or An educational services charitable organization and provides services to: 6069 * * *1a. Children in a foster care 6070 6071 placement program established by the Department of Child 6072 Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for 6073 Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a 6074 foster care placement program established by the Department of 6075 Child Protection Services, * * *2b. Children who have a chronic 6076 6077 illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional 6078 disability, or 6079 * * *3c. Children eligible for free or 6080 reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected 6081 for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored 6082 by the U.S. Department of Education * * *-; or 6083 2. A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) 6084 administered by the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools to 6085 provide needs-based scholarships to economically, physically, or 6086 intellectually disadvantaged children. 6087 (2)(a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be 6088 available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged 6089 in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating 6090 as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole 6091 proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 224 R3/5

6092 credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 6093 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash 6094 contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an 6095 eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2022, 6096 for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit 6097 also is allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on 6098 real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the 6099 taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable 6100 organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a 6101 taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not 6102 to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the 6103 taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an 6104 amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax 6105 liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied 6106 on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but 6107 not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) 6108 consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the 6109 credits were earned.

(b) A contribution to an eligible charitable
organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does
not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may
be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

6114 (c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under 6115 this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for 6116 state income tax purposes.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 225 R3/5 6117 (3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section 6118 shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and 6119 the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided 6120 by the department.

6121 An eligible charitable organization shall provide the (4) 6122 department with a written certification that it meets all criteria 6123 to be considered an eligible charitable organization. An eligible 6124 charitable organization must also provide the department with 6125 written documented proof of its license and/or written contract 6126 with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. The 6127 organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section. 6128

6129 (5) The eligible charitable organization's written 6130 certification must be signed by an officer of the organization 6131 under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include 6132 the following:

6133 (a) Verification of the organization's status under6134 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide,
pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially
support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides
coverage of abortions;

6139 (c) Any other information that the department requires6140 to administer this section.

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6141 (6) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to 6142 be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the 6143 organization of its determination. The department may also 6144 6145 periodically request recertification from the organization. The 6146 department shall compile and make available to the public a list 6147 of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

6155 (8)(a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the 6156 department on forms prescribed by the department. In the 6157 application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the 6158 dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the 6159 calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an 6160 application, the department shall allocate credits based on the 6161 dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. 6162 However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of 6163 credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section 6164 in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant 6165 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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6166 within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the 6167 6168 department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as 6169 6170 of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made 6171 not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. 6172 If the contribution is not made within such time period, the 6173 allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for 6174 reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if 6175 the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the 6176 amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section. 6177

(b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this section by Section 27-7-22.39.

6184 (c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad 6185 valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer 6186 shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit 6187 documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of 6188 Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against 6189 such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax 6190 credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 228 R3/5

6191 <u>amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the</u> 6192 <u>department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the</u> 6193 <u>amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such</u> 6194 <u>payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current</u> 6195 tax collections.

6196 (9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be 6197 allocated by the department under this section during a calendar 6198 year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and 6199 not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during 6200 a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6201 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 6202 this section. However, for calendar year 2021, * * * and for each 6203 calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that 6204 may be allocated by the department under this section during a 6205 calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars 6206 (\$10,000,000.00), and for calendar year 2022, and for each 6207 calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that 6208 may be allocated by the department under this section during a 6209 calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars 6210 (\$16,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar 6211 year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated 6212 during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to 6213 eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 6214 (1) (b) (i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for 6215 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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6216 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6217 subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar year 2022, 6218 and for each calendar year thereafter, of the amount of tax 6219 credits that may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6220 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 6221 this section, fifteen percent (15%) of the tax credits shall be 6222 available solely for allocation for contributions to eligible 6223 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)2; 6224 however, any such tax credits not allocated before April 1 of a 6225 calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6226 charitable organizations described in subsection (1) (b) (ii) 1 of 6227 this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year 6228 thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for 6229 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6230 subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, no more than twenty-five 6231 percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions 6232 to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise 6233 provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each 6234 calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar 6235 year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations 6236 described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than 6237 five percent (5%) of such credits may be allocated for 6238 contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. 6239 However, for calendar year 2022, of the additional amount of tax 6240 credits authorized under this section, as amended by Senate Bill 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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6241 No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, for allocation for contributions 6242 to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 6243 (1)(b)(ii) of this section, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of 6244 the tax credits shall be available solely for allocation for 6245 contributions to Magnolia Speech School; however, any such tax 6246 credits not allocated before April 1, 2022, may be allocated for 6247 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6248 subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section.

6249 **SECTION 32.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6250 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6251 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

6259 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

6260 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021
LeFleur's Bluff State Park Improvements Fund," is created within
the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State
Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from
the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 231 R3/5 6266 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 6267 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 6268 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

6269 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 6270 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 6271 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with 6272 construction and development of and upgrades and improvements to 6273 property, roadways, infrastructure, facilities and structures at 6274 LeFleur's Bluff State Park, in Jackson, Mississippi, for the 6275 purpose of enhancing and developing the entrance to the 6276 Mississippi Children's Museum and the Mississippi Museum of 6277 Natural Science, and areas and amenities related to the museums.

6278 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6279 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6280 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6281 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6282 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6283 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6284 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 6285 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6286 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6287 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

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6291 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6292 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6293 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6294 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6295 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6296 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6297 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6298 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 6299 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 6300 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 6301 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 6302 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 6303 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 6304 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Five 6305 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00). No bonds shall be 6306 issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in
accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such
bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates

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6316 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6317 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6318 6319 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6320 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 6321 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6322 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6323 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6324 commission.

6325 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6326 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6327 6328 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6329 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6330 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6331 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6332 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6333 6334 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6335 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6336 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6337 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6338 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6339 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6340 bear.

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6341 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6342 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

6349 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)6350 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 6351 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6352 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6353 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6354 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6355 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6356 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6357 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6358 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6359 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6360 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6361 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6362 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6363 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 6365 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less

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6366 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 6367 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 6368 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 6369 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

6375 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6376 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6377 6378 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6379 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6380 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6381 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6382 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6383 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6384 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed
solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and
Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 236 R3/5 6391 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6392 bonds.

6393 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)6394 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 6395 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 6396 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 6397 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6398 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6399 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 6400 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6401 majority of its members.

6402 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)6403 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6404 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6405 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6406 6407 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6408 6409 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6410 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 6411 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6412 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6413 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6414 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6415 performance of all duties required by this section to be

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6418 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6419 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 6420 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6421 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6422 6423 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6424 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 6425 of securing the deposit of public funds.

6426 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and
6427 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of
6428 Mississippi.

6429 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
6430 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
6431 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

6432 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)6433 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6434 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 6435 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6436 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6437 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6438 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 6439 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 6440 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 238 R3/5

6441 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6442 thereof.

6443 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 6444 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 6445 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 6446 any existing law of this state.

6447 **SECTION 33.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6448 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6449 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

6458 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 6459 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 6460 City of Indianola Street Improvement Projects Fund," is created 6461 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 6462 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 6463 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 6464

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6465 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 6466 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

6467 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 6468 6469 Administration, to assist the City of Indianola, Mississippi, in 6470 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and 6471 improvements to streets and roads in the City of Indianola.

6472 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6473 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6474 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6475 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6476 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6477 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6478 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 6479 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6480 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6481 directed by the commission.

6482 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 6483 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6484 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6485 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6486 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6487 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6488 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6489

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6490 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6491 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6492 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 6493 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 6494 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 6495 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 6496 6497 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 6498 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 6499 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 6500

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

6506 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 6507 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6508 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6509 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6510 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6511 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6512 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6513 6514 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

6519 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6520 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 6521 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6522 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6523 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6524 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6525 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6526 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6527 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6528 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6529 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6530 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6531 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6532 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6533 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6534 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6535 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6536 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 242 R3/5 6540 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 6541 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 6542 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

6543 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)6544 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 6545 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6546 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6547 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6548 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6549 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6550 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6551 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6552 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6553 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6554 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6555 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6556 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 6557

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

6569 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6570 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6571 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6572 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6573 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6574 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6575 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6576 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6577 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6578 this subsection.

6579 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 6580 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6581 6582 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6583 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6584 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6585 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6586 bonds.

6587 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 6588 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 244 R3/5 6589 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 6590 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 6591 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6592 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6593 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 6594 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6595 majority of its members.

6596 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)6597 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6598 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6599 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 6600 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6601 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 6602 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6603 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6604 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 6605 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6606 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6607 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6608 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6609 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6610 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6611 interest thereon.

6612 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6613 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 245 R3/5 6614 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6615 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 6616 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6617 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6618 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 6619 of securing the deposit of public funds.

6620 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 6621 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 6622 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 6626 (16)6627 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6628 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 6629 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6630 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6631 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6632 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 6633 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 6634 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 6635 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6636 thereof.

6637 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
6638 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
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6639 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 6640 any existing law of this state.

6641 **SECTION 34.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6642 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6643 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

6653 A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (2)(a) (i) 6654 Alcorn County - County Courthouse Repair and Renovation Fund," is 6655 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 6656 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 6657 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 6658 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 6659 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 6660 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying

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6666 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6667 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6668 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6669 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6670 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6671 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6672 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6673 6674 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6675 directed by the commission.

6676 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 6677 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6678 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6679 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6680 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6681 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6682 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6683 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6684 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6685 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6686 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 6687 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 6688 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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5)FI (H)WM R3/5 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

6700 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 6701 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6702 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6703 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6704 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6705 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6706 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6707 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6708 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 6709 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6710 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6711 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6712 commission.

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6713 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6714 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6715 6716 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6717 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6718 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6719 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6720 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6721 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6722 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6723 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6724 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6725 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6726 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6727 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6728 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6729 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6730 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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6737 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 6738 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6739 6740 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6741 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6742 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6743 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6744 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6745 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6746 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6747 6748 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6749 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6750 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6751 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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6761 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 6762 dates named therein.

6763 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 6764 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6765 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6766 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6767 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6768 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6769 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6770 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6771 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6772 this subsection.

6773 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 6774 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6775 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6776 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6777 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6778 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6779 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6780 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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6786 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6787 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6788 6789 majority of its members.

6790 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 6791 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6792 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6793 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 6794 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6795 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 6796 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6797 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6798 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)6799 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6800 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6801 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6802 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6803 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6804 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6805 interest thereon.

6806 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6807 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 6808 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6809 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 6810 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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6811 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6812 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 6813 of securing the deposit of public funds.

6814 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 6815 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 6816 Mississippi.

6817 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 6818 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 6819 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 6820 (16)6821 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6822 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 6823 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6824 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6825 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6826 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 6827 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 6828 6829 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6830 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

6835 SECTION 35. (1) As used in this section, the following 6836 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 6837

6838 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 6839 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 6840 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 6841 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 6842 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 6843 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 6844 maturity.

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"State" means the State of Mississippi. (b)

6846 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)

6847 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Jacinto Courthouse Improvement Fund," is created within the State 6848 6849 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 6850 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 6851 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 6852 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 6853 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 6854 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

6855 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 6856 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 6857 Administration, to provide funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., 6858 to pay costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing 6859

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6860 and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in 6861 Alcorn County, Mississippi.

6862 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6863 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6864 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6865 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6866 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6867 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6868 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6869 6870 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6871 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 6872 (3) (a) 6873 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6874 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6875 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6876 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6877 6878 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6879 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6880 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6881 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6882 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 6883 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 6884

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 256 R3/5 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in
accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such
bonds.

6896 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 6897 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6898 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6899 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6900 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6901 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6902 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6903 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6904 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 6905 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6906 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6907 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6908 commission.

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6909 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6910 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6911 6912 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6913 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6914 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6915 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6916 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6917 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6918 6919 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6920 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6921 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6922 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6923 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6924 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6925 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6926 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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6933 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 6934 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6935 6936 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6937 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6938 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6939 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6940 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6941 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6942 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6943 6944 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6945 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6946 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6947 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

6957 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 6958 dates named therein.

6959 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6960 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6961 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6962 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6963 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6964 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6965 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6966 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6967 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6968 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 6969 (9) 6970 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6971 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6972 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6973 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6974 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6975 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6976 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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6982 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6983 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6984 6985 majority of its members.

6986 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 6987 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6988 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6989 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 6990 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6991 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 6992 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6993 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6994 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)6995 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6996 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6997 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6998 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6999 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7000 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7001 interest thereon.

7002 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7003 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7004 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7005 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7006 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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7007 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7008 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7009 of securing the deposit of public funds.

7010 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 7011 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 7012 Mississippi.

7013 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 7014 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 7015 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7016 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 7017 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7018 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7019 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7020 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7021 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7022 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7023 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7024 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7025 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7026 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state. 7031 SECTION 36. (1) As used in this section, the following 7032 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7033 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

7043 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) East Corinth Elementary School Renovation Fund," is created within 7044 7045 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 7046 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 7047 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 7048 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 7049 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 7050 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to East Corinth

7055 Elementary School to provide enhanced career technical training to 7056 Corinth students in advanced technology skills.

7057 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 7058 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7059 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7060 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7061 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7062 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7063 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7064 7065 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7066 directed by the commission.

7067 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 7068 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7069 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7070 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7071 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7072 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7073 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7074 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7075 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7076 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7077 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7078 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7079

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 264 R3/5 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

7091 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 7092 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7093 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7094 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7095 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7096 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7097 7098 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7099 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7100 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7101 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7102 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7103 commission.

7104 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7105 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7106 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7107 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7108 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7109 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7110 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7111 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7112 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7113 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7114 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7115 7116 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7117 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7118 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7119 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7120 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7121 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

7128 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 7129 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7130 7131 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7132 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7133 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7134 7135 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7136 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7137 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7138 7139 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7140 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7141 7142 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

7152 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 7153 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7154 (8) 7155 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7156 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7157 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 7158 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7159 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7160 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 7161 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7162 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 7163 this subsection.

7164 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 7165 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7166 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7167 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7168 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7169 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7170 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7171 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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7177 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7178 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7179 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7180 majority of its members.

7181 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7182 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7183 7184 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7185 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7186 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7187 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7188 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7189 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)7190 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7191 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7192 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7193 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 7194 7195 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7196 interest thereon.

7197 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7198 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7199 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7200 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7201 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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7202 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7203 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7204 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7211 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 7212 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7213 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7214 7215 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7216 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7217 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7218 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7219 7220 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7221 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state. 7226 **SECTION 37.** (1) As used in this section, the following 7227 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7228 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

7238 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 7239 Tishomingo County Road Fund," is created within the State 7240 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7241 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7242 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 7243 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7244 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7245 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying cost associated with repairs, upgrades, resurfacing and improvements to County Road 961.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 271 R3/5 7251 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 7252 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7253 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7254 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7255 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7256 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7257 7258 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7259 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7260 directed by the commission.

7261 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 7262 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7263 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7264 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7265 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7266 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7267 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7268 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7269 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7270 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7271 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7272 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7273 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7274 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7275 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

7276 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7277 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars 7278 (\$700,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 7279 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

7285 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 7286 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7287 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7288 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7289 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7290 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7291 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7292 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7293 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7294 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7295 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7296 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7297 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 273 R3/5 7301 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7302 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7303 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7304 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7305 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7306 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7307 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7308 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7309 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7310 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7311 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7312 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7313 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 7314 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7315 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 274 R3/5 7326 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7327 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7328 7329 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7330 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7331 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7332 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7333 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7334 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7335 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7336 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

7337 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 7338 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 7339 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 7340 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 7341 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 7342 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section
are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the
payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 275 R3/5 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

7358 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7359 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7360 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7361 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7362 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7363 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7364 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7365 bonds.

7366 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 7367 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7368 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7369 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7370 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7371 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7372 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7373 7374 majority of its members.

7375 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7376 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7377 7378 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7379 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7380 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7381 7382 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7383 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7384 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7385 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7386 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7387 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7388 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7389 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7390 interest thereon.

7391 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7392 7393 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7394 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7395 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7396 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7397 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7398 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

7402 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 7403 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 7404 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7405 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)7406 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7407 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7408 7409 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7410 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7411 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7412 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7413 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7414 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7415 thereof.

7416 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 7417 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 7418 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 7419 any existing law of this state.

7420 SECTION 38. (1) As used in this section, the following 7421 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7422 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

7430 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

7431 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

7432 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 7433 George County - Evanston Road Fund," is created within the State 7434 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7435 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7436 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 7437 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7438 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7439 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Evanston Road at and near the main entrance to the George County Industrial Park in George County, Mississippi.

7447 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 7448 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7449 7450 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7451 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7452 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7453 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7454 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7455 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7456 directed by the commission.

7457 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 7458 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7459 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7460 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7461 7462 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7463 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7464 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7465 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7466 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7467 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7468 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7469 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7470 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7471

7472 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7473 under this section shall not exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand 7474 Dollars (\$850,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 7475 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

7481 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 7482 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7483 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7484 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7485 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7486 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7487 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7488 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7489 7490 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7491 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7492 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7493 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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7497 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7498 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7499 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7500 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7501 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7502 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7503 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7504 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7505 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7506 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7507 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7508 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7509 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 7510 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7511 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 282 R3/5 7522 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7523 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7524 7525 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7526 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7527 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7528 7529 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7530 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7531 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7532 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 283 R3/5 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

7554 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7555 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7556 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7557 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7558 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7559 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7560 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7561 bonds.

7562 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 7563 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7564 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7565 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7566 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7567 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7568 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7569 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7570 majority of its members.

7571 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7572 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7573 7574 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7575 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7576 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7577 7578 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7579 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7580 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7581 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7582 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7583 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 7584 7585 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7586 interest thereon.

7587 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7588 7589 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7590 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7591 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7592 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7593 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7594 of securing the deposit of public funds.

7595 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 7596 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 7597 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7601 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)7602 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7603 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7604 7605 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7606 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7607 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7608 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7609 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7610 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7611 thereof.

7612 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 7613 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 7614 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 7615 any existing law of this state.

7616 SECTION 39. (1) As used in this section, the following 7617 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7618 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

7626 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

7627 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

7628 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 7629 Town of Bruce Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created within 7630 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 7631 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 7632 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 7633 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 7634 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 7635 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of and repairs, upgrades and improvements to the town's sewer system, sewage lagoon and related infrastructure and facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 287 7644 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7645 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7646 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7647 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7648 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7649 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7650 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7651 directed by the commission.

7652 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 7653 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7654 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7655 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7656 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7657 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7658 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7659 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7660 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7661 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7662 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7663 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7664 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7665 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7666 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7667 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7668 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars

7669 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 7670 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

7676 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 7677 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7678 7679 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7680 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7681 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7682 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7683 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7684 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7685 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7686 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7687 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7688 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 289 R3/5 7694 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7695 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7696 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7697 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7698 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7699 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7700 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7701 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7702 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7703 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7704 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7705 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7706 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 290 R3/5 7719 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7720 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7721 7722 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7723 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7724 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7725 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7726 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7727 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

7739 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7740 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7741 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 7742 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7743 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 291 R3/5

interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

7749 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7750 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7751 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7752 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7753 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7754 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7755 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7756 bonds.

7757 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)7758 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7759 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7760 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7761 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7762 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7763 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7764 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7765 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 292 R3/5 7769 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7770 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7771 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7772 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7773 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7774 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7775 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7776 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7777 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7778 7779 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7780 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7781 interest thereon.

7782 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)7783 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7784 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7785 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7786 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7787 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7788 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7789 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

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(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7796 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)7797 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7798 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7799 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7800 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7801 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7802 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7803 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7804 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7805 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7806 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

7811 SECTION 40. (1) As used in this section, the following 7812 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7813 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 294 R3/5 7818 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 7819 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 7820 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 7822 (C) 7823 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 7824 Town of Bruce - Vardaman Street Fund," is created within the State 7825 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7826 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7827 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 7828 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7829 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7830 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Vardaman Street in the Town of Bruce.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described
in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,
abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 295 R3/5 7843 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7844 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7845 directed by the commission.

7846 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 7847 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7848 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7849 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7850 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7851 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7852 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7853 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7854 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7855 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7856 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7857 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7858 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7859 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7860 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7861 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7862 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 7863 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 7864

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 296 R3/5 7868 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 7869 bonds.

7870 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)7871 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7872 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7873 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7874 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7875 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7876 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7877 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7878 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7879 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7880 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7881 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7882 commission.

7883 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7884 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7885 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7886 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7887 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7888 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7889 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7890 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7891 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7892 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 297 R3/5 7893 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7894 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7895 7896 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7897 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7898 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7899 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7900 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

7907 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 7908 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 7909 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7910 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7911 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7912 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 7913 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7914 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7915 7916 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7917

7918 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7919 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7920 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7921 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

7933 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7934 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7935 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7936 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7937 7938 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7939 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 7940 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7941 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 7942 this subsection.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 7943 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7944 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7945 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7946 7947 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7948 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7949 7950 bonds.

7951 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)7952 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7953 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7954 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7955 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7956 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7957 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7958 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7959 majority of its members.

7960 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)7961 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 7962 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7963 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7964 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7965 7966 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 7967 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 7968 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7969 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7970 7971 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7972 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7973 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7974 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7975 interest thereon.

7976 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7977 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7978 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7979 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7980 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7981 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7982 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7983 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

7987 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 7988 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 7989 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

7993 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7994 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7995 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7996 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7997 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7998 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7999 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8000 thereof.

8001 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8002 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8003 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8004 any existing law of this state.

8005 SECTION 41. (1) As used in this section, the following 8006 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8007 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

8015 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.8016 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 302 R3/5 8017 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Town of Bruce - Calhoun Street Fund," is created within the State 8018 8019 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as Treasurv. 8020 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8021 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 8022 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8023 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8024 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Calhoun Street in the Town of Bruce.

8030 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 8031 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8032 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8033 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8034 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8035 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8036 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8037 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8038 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8039 directed by the commission.

8040 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 8041 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 303 R3/5 8042 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8043 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8044 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8045 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8046 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8047 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8048 8049 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8050 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8051 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8052 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8053 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8054 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8055 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8056 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 8057 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 8058 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

8064 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
8065 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
8066 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such

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denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8067 8068 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8069 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8070 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8071 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8072 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8073 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8074 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8075 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8076 commission.

8077 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8078 8079 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8080 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8081 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8082 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8083 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8084 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8085 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8086 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8087 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8088 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8089 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8090 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8091 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

8101 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 8102 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8103 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8104 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8105 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8106 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8107 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8108 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8109 8110 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8111 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8112 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8113 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8114 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 8115

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If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

8127 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8128 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8129 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8130 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8131 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8132 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8133 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8134 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8135 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8136 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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8141 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8142 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8143 bonds. 8144

8145 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 8146 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8147 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8148 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8149 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8150 8151 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8152 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8153 majority of its members.

8154 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)8155 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8156 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8157 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8158 8159 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8160 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8161 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8162 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)8163 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8164 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8165

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8166 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8167 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8168 8169 interest thereon.

8170 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8171 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8172 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8173 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8174 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8175 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8176 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8177 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8178 Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and (14)income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8179 8180 Mississippi.

8181 (15)The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8182 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8183 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8184 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8185 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8186 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8187 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8188 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8189 8190 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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8191 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8192 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8193 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8194 thereof.

8195 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8196 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8197 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8198 any existing law of this state.

8199 SECTION 42. (1) As used in this section, the following 8200 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8201 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

8209 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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8210 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

8211 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 8212 City of Jackson Pete Brown Golf Course Improvements Fund," is 8213 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 8214 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 8215 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the following purposes at the Pete Brown Golf Course in the City of Jackson:

8224 1. Repair and renovation of and upgrades and 8225 improvements to the clubhouse and related facilities;

8226 2. Upgrades and improvements to the golf 8227 course and related grounds;

3. Development of and improvements to cart paths and walking paths; and

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4. Purchase of golf carts.

8231 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 8232 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8233 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8234 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8235 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8236 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8237 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8238 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8239 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8240 directed by the commission.

8241 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 8242 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8243 8244 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8245 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8246 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8247 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8248 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8249 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8250 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8251 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8252 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8253 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8254 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8255 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8256 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8257 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 8258 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 8259 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 8265 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8266 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8267 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8268 8269 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8270 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8271 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8272 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8273 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8274 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8275 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8276 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8277 commission.

8278 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 8279 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8280 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8281 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8282 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8283 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8284 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8285 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8286 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8287 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8288 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8289

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purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

8302 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)8303 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8304 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8305 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8306 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8307 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8308 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8309 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8310 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8311 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8312 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8313 8314 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

8315 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8316 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

8328 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 8329 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8330 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8331 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8332 8333 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8334 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8335 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8336 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8337 this subsection.

8338 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8339 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

8340 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8341 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8342 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8343 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8344 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8345 bonds.

8346 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)8347 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8348 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8349 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8350 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8351 8352 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8353 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8354 majority of its members.

8355 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8356 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8357 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8358 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8359 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8360 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8361 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8362 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8363 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8364 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

8371 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8372 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8373 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8374 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8375 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8376 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8377 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 8378

8379 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8380 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8381 Mississippi.

8382 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
8383 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
8384 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8385 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8386 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8387 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8388 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8389 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

8396 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8397 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8398 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8399 any existing law of this state.

8400 SECTION 43. (1) As used in this section, the following 8401 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8402 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

8412 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
8413 Tougaloo Senior Center Fund," is created within the State

8414 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

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8415 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8416 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 8417 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8418 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8419 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair,
renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Tougaloo Senior
Center.

8425 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 8426 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8427 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8428 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8429 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8430 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8431 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8432 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8433 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8434 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in
subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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8440 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8441 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8442 8443 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8444 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8445 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8446 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8447 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8448 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8449 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8450 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 8451 8452 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 8453 section after July 1, 2025.

8454 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 8455 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 8456 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 8457 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 8458 bonds.

8459 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)8460 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8461 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8462 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8463

Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8464

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within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

8472 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 8473 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8474 8475 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8476 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8477 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8478 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8479 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8480 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8481 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8482 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8483 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8484 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8485 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8486 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8487 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 8488 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 8489

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(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

8496 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)8497 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8498 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8499 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8500 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8501 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8502 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8503 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8504 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8505 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8506 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8507 8508 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8509 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8510 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 8511 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

8522 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8523 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8524 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8525 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8526 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8527 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8528 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8529 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8530 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8531 this subsection.

8532 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8533 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8534 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8535 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8536 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8537 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8538 8539 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 323 R3/5 8540 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 8541 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8542 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8543 8544 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8545 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8546 8547 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8548 majority of its members.

8549 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8550 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8551 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8552 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8553 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8554 8555 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8556 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

8564 interest thereon.

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8565 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8566 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8567 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8568 8569 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8570 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8571 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8572 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8573 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8574 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8575 Mississippi.

8576 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
8577 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
8578 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8579 (16)8580 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8581 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8582 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8583 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8584 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8585 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8586 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8587 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8588 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8589 thereof.

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8590 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8591 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8592 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8593 any existing law of this state.

8594 SECTION 44. (1) As used in this section, the following 8595 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8596 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

8606 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 8607 Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority - Flagship District Projects 8608 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 8609 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 8610 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 8611 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 8612 8613 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 8614 such fund.

8615 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
8616 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
8617 Administration, to assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority
8618 with the Flagship District Projects.

8619 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 8620 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8621 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8622 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8623 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8624 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8625 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8626 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8627 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8628 directed by the commission.

8629 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 8630 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8631 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8632 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8633 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8634 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8635 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8636 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8637 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8638 8639 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 327 R3/5 8640 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8641 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8642 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8643 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8644 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8645 under this section shall not exceed Four Million Four Hundred 8646 Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 8647 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

8653 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)8654 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8655 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8656 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8657 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8658 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8659 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8660 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8661 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8662 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8663

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8666 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8667 8668 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8669 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8670 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8671 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8672 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8673 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8674 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8675 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8676 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8677 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8678 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8679 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8680 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8681 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 8682 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8683 the State of Mississippi.

8684 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
8685 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
8686 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
8687 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

8688 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 8689 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

8690 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)8691 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8692 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8693 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8694 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8695 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8696 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8697 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8698 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8699 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8700 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8701 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8702 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8703 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8704 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 330 R3/5 8713 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 8714 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 8715 dates named therein.

8716 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8717 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8718 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8719 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8720 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8721 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8722 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8723 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8724 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8725 this subsection.

8726 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 8727 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8728 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8729 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8730 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8731 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8732 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8733 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued
without any other proceedings or the happening of any other
conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and
things which are specified or required by this section. Any

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8738 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8739 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8740 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8741 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8742 majority of its members.

8743 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8744 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8745 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8746 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8747 8748 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8749 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8750 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8751 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)8752 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 8753 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8754 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8755 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8756 performance of all duties required by this section to be 8757 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8758 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 332 R3/5 8763 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8764 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8765 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8766 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8767 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8768 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8769 Mississippi.

8770 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
8771 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
8772 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8773 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8774 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8775 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8776 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8777 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8778 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8779 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8780 8781 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8782 8783 thereof.

8784 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8785 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8786 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8787 any existing law of this state.

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(1) As used in this section, the following 8788 SECTION 45. 8789 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 8790

8791 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 8792 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 8793 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 8794 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 8795 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 8796 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 8797 maturity.

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"State" means the State of Mississippi. (b)

8799 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)8800 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the (a) (i) 8801 "Mississippi Highway 4 Fund," is created within the State 8802 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 8803 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8804 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 8805 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8806 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8807 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

8808 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 8809 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 8810 Administration, to assist right-of-way acquisition, utility 8811 relocation, design and construction necessary to add a center turning lane and upgrade the roadway on State Highway 4 from 8812

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8813 Interstate 55 to the campus of North West Mississippi Community 8814 College.

8815 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 8816 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8817 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8818 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8819 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8820 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8821 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8822 8823 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8824 directed by the commission.

8825 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 8826 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8827 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8828 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8829 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8830 8831 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8832 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8833 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8834 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8835 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8836 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8837

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issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

8849 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8850 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8851 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8852 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8853 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8854 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8855 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8856 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8857 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8858 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8859 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8860 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8861 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 336 8862 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 8863 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8864 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8865 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8866 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8867 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8868 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8869 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8870 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8871 8872 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8873 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8874 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8875 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8876 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8877 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 8878 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8879 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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8886 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 8887 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8888 8889 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8890 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8891 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8892 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8893 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8894 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8895 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8896 8897 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8898 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8899 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8900 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 8901 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

8910 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 8911 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8912 (8) 8913 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8914 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8915 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8916 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8917 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8918 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8919 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8920 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 8921

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8922 (9) 8923 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8924 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8925 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8926 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8927 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8928 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8929 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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8935 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8936 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8937 8938 majority of its members.

8939 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8940 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8941 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8942 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8943 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8944 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8945 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8946 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8947 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)8948 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 8949 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8950 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8951 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8952 performance of all duties required by this section to be 8953 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8954 interest thereon.

8955 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8956 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8957 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8958 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8959 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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8960 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8961 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8962 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8963 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8964 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8965 Mississippi.

8966 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8967 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8968 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8969 (16)8970 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8971 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8972 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8973 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8974 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8975 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8976 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8977 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8978 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8979 thereof.

8980 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8981 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8982 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8983 any existing law of this state.

8984 SECTION 46. (1) As used in this section, the following 8985 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8986 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

8995 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)8996 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 8997 Forrest County Bridge Improvements Fund," is created within the 8998 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 8999 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 9000 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 9001 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9002 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9003 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9004 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9005 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9006 Administration, to assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying 9007 the costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the 9008 bridge on Temple Road over Reese Creek and the repair and/or

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9009 replacement of the bridge on Brooklyn-Janice Road over Chaney 9010 Branch Creek in Forrest County, Mississippi.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 9011 (b) 9012 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9013 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9014 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9015 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9016 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9017 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9018 9019 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9020 directed by the commission.

9021 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 9022 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9023 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9024 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9025 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9026 9027 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9028 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9029 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9030 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9031 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 9032 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 9033 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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3)FI (H)WM R3/5 9034 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 9035 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 9036 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 9037 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 9038 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9039 this section after July 1, 2025.

9040 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9041 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9042 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9043 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9044 bonds.

9045 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9046 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9047 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9048 9049 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9050 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9051 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9052 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9053 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9054 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9055 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9056 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9057 commission.

9058 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9059 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9060 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 9061 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9062 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9063 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9064 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9065 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9066 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9067 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9068 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9069 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9070 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9071 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9072 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9073 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 9074 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9075 the State of Mississippi.

9076 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
9077 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
9078 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
9079 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
9080 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
9081 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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9082 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9083 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9084 9085 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9086 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9087 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 9088 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9089 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9090 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9091 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9092 9093 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9094 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9095 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9096 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

9103 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9104 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 9105 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

9106 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9107 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 9108 9109 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9110 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 9111 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9112 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9113 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9114 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9115 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9116 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 9117

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9118 (9) 9119 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9120 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9121 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9122 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9123 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9124 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9125 bonds.

9126 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9127 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9128 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9129 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9130 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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9131 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9132 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9133 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9134 majority of its members.

9135 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9136 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9137 9138 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9139 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9140 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9141 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 9142

9143 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)9144 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9145 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9146 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9147 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 9148 9149 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9150 interest thereon.

9151 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9152 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9153 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9154 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9155 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

9156 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9157 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9158 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9159 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9160 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9161 Mississippi.

9162 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9163 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9164 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 9165 (16)9166 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9167 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9168 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9169 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9170 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9171 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9172 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9173 9174 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9175 thereof.

9176 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9177 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9178 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9179 any existing law of this state.

9180 **SECTION 47.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9181 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9182 clearly requires otherwise:

9183 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 9184 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 9185 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 9186 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 9187 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9188 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9189 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

9191 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)9192 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 9193 West Lauderdale Athletic Complex Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 9194 9195 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 9196 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 9197 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9198 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9199 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9200 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9201 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9202 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with site 9203 preparation and construction of the West Lauderdale Athletic 9204 Complex in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

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9205 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 9206 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9207 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9208 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9209 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9210 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9211 9212 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9213 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9214 directed by the commission.

9215 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9216 9217 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9218 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9219 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9220 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9221 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9222 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9223 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9224 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9225 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9226 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9227 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9228 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 9229 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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9230 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 9231 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 9232 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 9233 section after July 1, 2025.

9234 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9235 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9236 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9237 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9238 bonds.

9239 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9240 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9241 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9242 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9243 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9244 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9245 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9246 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9247 9248 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9249 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9250 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9251 commission.

9252 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9253 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9254 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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9255 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9256 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9257 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9258 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9259 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9260 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9261 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9262 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9263 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9264 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9265 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9266 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9267 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 9268 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9269 the State of Mississippi.

9270 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9271 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9272 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9273 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9274 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9275 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9276 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9277 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9278 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9279 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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9280 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9281 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9282 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9283 9284 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9285 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9286 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9287 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9288 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9289 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9290 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

9297 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9298 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 9299 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 9300 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9301 dates named therein.

9302 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9303 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9304 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 354 R3/5 9305 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9306 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9307 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9308 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9309 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9310 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9311 this subsection.

9312 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9313 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9314 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9315 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9316 9317 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9318 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9319 bonds.

9320 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9321 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9322 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9323 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9324 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9325 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9326 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9327 9328 majority of its members.

9329 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9330 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9331 9332 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9333 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9334 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9335 9336 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9337 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9338 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9339 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9340 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9341 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 9342 9343 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9344 interest thereon.

9345 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9346 9347 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9348 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9349 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9350 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9351 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 9352

9353 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9354 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9355 Mississippi.

9356 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9357 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9358 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9359 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9360 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9361 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9362 9363 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9364 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9365 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9366 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9367 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9368 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9369 thereof.

9370 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9371 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9372 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9373 any existing law of this state.

9374 SECTION 48. (1) As used in this section, the following 9375 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9376 clearly requires otherwise:

9377 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 9378 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 9379 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 9380 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 9381 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9382 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9383 maturity.

9384 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

9385 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

9386 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 9387 Jackson Public School District - Career Development Center 9388 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 9389 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 9390 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 9391 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 9392 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 9393 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 9394 shall be deposited into such fund.

9395 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9396 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9397 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, 9398 renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and 9399 improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career 9400 Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

9401 Amounts deposited into such special funds shall be (b) 9402 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9403 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9404 9405 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9406 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9407 9408 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9409 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9410 directed by the commission.

9411 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9412 9413 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9414 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9415 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9416 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9417 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9418 9419 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9420 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9421 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 9422 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 9423 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 9424 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 9425

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 9426 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 9427 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty 9428 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9429 this section after July 1, 2025.

9430 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9431 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9432 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9433 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9434 bonds.

9435 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9436 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9437 9438 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9439 9440 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9441 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9442 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9443 9444 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9445 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9446 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9447 commission.

9448 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9449 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9450 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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9451 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9452 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9453 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9454 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9455 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9456 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9457 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9458 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9459 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9460 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9461 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9462 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9463 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 9464 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9465 the State of Mississippi.

9466 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
9467 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
9468 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
9469 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
9470 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
9471 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9472 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9473 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9474 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9475 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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9476 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9477 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9478 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9479 9480 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9481 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9482 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9483 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9484 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9485 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9486 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

9498 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9499 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9500 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 362 R3/5 9501 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9502 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9503 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9504 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9505 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9506 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9507 this subsection.

9508 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9509 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9510 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9511 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9512 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9513 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9514 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9515 bonds.

9516 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9517 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9518 9519 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9520 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9521 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9522 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9523 9524 majority of its members.

9525 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9526 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9527 9528 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9529 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9530 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9531 9532 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9533 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9534 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9535 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9536 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9537 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 9538 9539 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9540 interest thereon.

9541 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9542 9543 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9544 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9545 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9546 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9547 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 9548

9549 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9550 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9551 Mississippi.

9552 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9553 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9554 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9555 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9556 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9557 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9558 9559 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9560 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9561 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9562 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9563 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9564 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9565 thereof.

9566 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9567 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9568 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9569 any existing law of this state.

9570 **SECTION 49.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9571 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9572 clearly requires otherwise:

9573 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 9574 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 9575 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 9576 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 9577 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9578 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9579 maturity.

9580 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

9581 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

9582 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 9583 Wilkinson County - Jackson Point Road Bridge Fund," is created 9584 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 9585 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 9586 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 9587 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9588 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9589 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9590 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9591 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9592 Administration, to assist Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in paying 9593 costs associated with replacement of the Jackson Point Road Bridge 9594 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

9595 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 9596 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9597 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

9598 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9599 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9600 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9601 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9602 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9603 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9604 directed by the commission.

9605 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 9606 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9607 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9608 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9609 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9610 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9611 9612 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9613 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9614 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9615 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9616 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9617 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9618 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 9619 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 9620 9621 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars

9622 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 9623 after July 1, 2025.

9624 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9625 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9626 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9627 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9628 bonds.

9629 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9630 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9631 9632 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9633 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9634 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9635 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9636 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9637 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9638 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9639 9640 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9641 commission.

9642 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
9643 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
9644 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
9645 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
9646 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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9647 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9648 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9649 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9650 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9651 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9652 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9653 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9654 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9655 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9656 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9657 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 9658 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9659 the State of Mississippi.

9660 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 9661 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9662 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9663 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9664 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9665 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9666 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)9667 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9668 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9669 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9670 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9671 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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9672 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9673 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9674 9675 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9676 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9677 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9678 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9679 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9680 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

9687 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9688 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 9689 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 9690 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9691 dates named therein.

9692 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9693 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9694 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 9695 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9696 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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9697 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9698 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9699 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9700 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9701 this subsection.

9702 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9703 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9704 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9705 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9706 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9707 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9708 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9709 bonds.

9710 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)9711 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9712 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9713 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9714 9715 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9716 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9717 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9718 majority of its members.

9719 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9720 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9721 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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FI (H) WM R3/5 9722 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9723 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9724 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9725 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9726 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9727 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9728 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9729 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9730 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9731 9732 performance of all duties required by this section to be 9733 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9734 interest thereon.

9735 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9736 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9737 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9738 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9739 9740 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9741 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9742 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9743 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9744 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9745 Mississippi.

9746 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9747 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9748 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9749 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9750 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9751 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9752 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9753 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9754 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9755 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9756 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9757 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9758 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9759 thereof.

9760 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9761 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9762 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9763 any existing law of this state.

9764 **SECTION 50.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9765 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9766 clearly requires otherwise:

9767 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 9768 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 9769 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 9770 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

9771 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9772 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9773 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 9775 (C) 9776 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Jackson State University School of Public Health Fund," is created 9777 9778 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 9779 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 9780 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 9781 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9782 9783 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9784 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9785 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9786 Administration, to pay costs associated with construction, 9787 furnishing, and equipping of and relocation of the Jackson State 9788 University School of Public Health to the main campus of the 9789 university.

9790 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 9791 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9792 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9793 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9794 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9795 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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9796 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9797 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9798 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9799 directed by the commission.

9800 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 9801 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9802 9803 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9804 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9805 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9806 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9807 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9808 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9809 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9810 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9811 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9812 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9813 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 9814 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 9815 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 9816 9817 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9818 this section after July 1, 2025.

9819 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9820 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 375 R3/5 9821 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9822 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9823 bonds.

9824 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9825 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9826 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9827 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9828 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9829 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9830 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9831 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9832 9833 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9834 9835 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9836 commission.

9837 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9838 9839 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 9840 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9841 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9842 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9843 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9844 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9845

9846 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9847 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9848 9849 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9850 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9851 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9852 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 9853 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9854 the State of Mississippi.

9855 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9856 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9857 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9858 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9859 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9860 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9861 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9862 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9863 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9864 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9865 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9866 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 9867 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9868 9869 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9870 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds

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9871 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9872 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9873 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9874 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9875 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

9887 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9888 9889 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 9890 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9891 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9892 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9893 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9894

9895 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9896 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9897 (9) 9898 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9899 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9900 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9901 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9902 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9903 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9904 bonds.

9905 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9906 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9907 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9908 9909 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9910 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9911 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9912 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9913 majority of its members.

9914 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9915 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9916 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9917 9918 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9919 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 379 R3/5

9920 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9921 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9922 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)9923 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9924 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9925 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9926 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9927 performance of all duties required by this section to be 9928 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9929 interest thereon.

9930 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9931 9932 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9933 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9934 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9935 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9936 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9937 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9938 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9939 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9940 Mississippi.

9941 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9942 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9943 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

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9944 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 9945 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9946 9947 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9948 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9949 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9950 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9951 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9952 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9953 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9954 thereof.

9955 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9956 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9957 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9958 any existing law of this state.

9959 SECTION 51. (1) As used in this section, the following 9960 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9961 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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9969 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 9970 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 9971 (a) (i) Union County Bridge Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 9972 9973 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 9974 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 9975 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 9976 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 9977 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 9978 shall be deposited into such fund.

9979 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9980 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9981 Administration, to assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying 9982 costs associated with repair and/or replacement of a bridge on 9983 County Road 81 in Union County, Mississippi.

9984 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 9985 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9986 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9987 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9988 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9989 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9990 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9991 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9992 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 9993

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9994 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9995 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9996 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9997 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9998 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9999 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10000 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10001 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10002 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10003 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10004 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10005 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10006 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10007 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10008 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10009 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10010 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10011 section after July 1, 2025. 10012

10013 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 10014 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 10015 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 10016 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 10017 bonds. 10018 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 10019 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10020 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10021 10022 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10023 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10024 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10025 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10026 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10027 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10028 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10029 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10030 commission.

10031 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10032 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10033 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10034 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10035 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10036 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10037 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10038 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10039 10040 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10041 10042 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

10043 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10044 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10045 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10046 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10047 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10048 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

10055 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)10056 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10057 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10058 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10059 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10060 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10061 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10062 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10063 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10064 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10065 10066 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10067 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

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10068 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10069 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10070 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10071 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10072 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10073 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10074 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10075 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

10081 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 10082 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 10083 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10084 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10085 10086 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10087 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10088 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10089 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10090 this subsection.

10091 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 10092 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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10093 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10094 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10095 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10096 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10097 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10098 bonds.

10099 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10100 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10101 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10102 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10103 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10104 10105 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10106 10107 majority of its members.

10108 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 10109 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10110 10111 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10112 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10113 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10114 10115 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10116 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10117 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

10124 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10125 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10126 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10127 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10128 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10129 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10130 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 10131

10132 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10133 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10134 Mississippi.

10135 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10136 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10137 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

10143 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10144 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10145 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10146 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10147 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10148 thereof.

10149 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10150 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10151 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10152 any existing law of this state.

10153 **SECTION 52.** (1) As used in this section, the following 10154 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10155 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

10165 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 10166 City of Jackson Livingston Park Improvements Fund," is created 10167 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the

10168 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 10169 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 10170 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10171 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 10172 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of facilities and infrastructure at Livingston Park in the City of Jackson.

10179 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10180 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10181 10182 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10183 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10184 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10185 10186 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10187 10188 directed by the commission.

10189 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10190 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 10191 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10192 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

10193 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10194 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10195 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10196 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10197 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10198 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10199 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10200 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10201 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10202 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10203 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10204 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10205 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 10206 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 10207

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

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10218 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10219 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10220 10221 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10222 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10223 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10224 10225 commission.

10226 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 10227 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10228 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10229 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10230 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10231 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10232 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10233 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 10234 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10235 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10236 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10237 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10238 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10239 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10240 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10241

10242 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10243 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

10250 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)10251 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10252 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10253 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10254 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10255 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10256 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10257 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10258 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10259 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10260 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10261 10262 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10263 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10264 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10265 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10266 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10267 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10268 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10269 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10270 commission.

10271 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 10272 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 10273 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 10274 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 10275 dates named therein.

10276 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10277 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10278 10279 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10280 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10281 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10282 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10283 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10284 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10285 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 394 R3/5 10292 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10293 bonds.

10294 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10295 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10296 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10297 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10298 10299 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10300 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10301 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10302 majority of its members.

10303 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10304 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10305 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10306 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10307 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10308 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10309 10310 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 10311 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10312 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10313 10314 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

10315 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel

10316 performance of all duties required by this section to be

10317 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10318 interest thereon.

10319 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10320 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10321 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10322 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10323 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10324 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10325 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10326 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10327 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10328 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10329 Mississippi.

10330 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10331 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10332 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10333 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)10334 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10335 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10336 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10337 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10338 10339 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10340 10341 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 396 R3/5

10342 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10343 thereof.

10344 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10345 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10346 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10347 any existing law of this state.

10348 **SECTION 53.** (1) As used in this section, the following 10349 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10350 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

10358 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 10359 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 10360 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 10361 City of Brookhaven - Brookway Boulevard Fund," is created within 10362 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 10363 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 10364 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10365

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10366 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 10367 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

10368 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 10369 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 10370 Administration, to assist the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi, in 10371 paying costs associated with reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, 10372 upgrades and improvements to Brookway Boulevard in the City of 10373 Brookhaven.

10374 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10375 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10376 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10377 10378 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10379 10380 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10381 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10382 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 10383

10384 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 10385 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 10386 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10387 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10388 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10389 10390 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

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10391 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10392 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10393 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10394 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10395 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10396 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10397 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10398 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10399 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 10400 10401 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 10402

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

10408 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 10409 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10410 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10411 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10412 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10413 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10414 10415 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) (S)FI (H)WM

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10416 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10417 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10418 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10419 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10420 commission.

10421 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10422 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10423 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10424 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10425 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10426 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10427 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10428 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 10429 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10430 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10431 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10432 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10433 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10434 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10435 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10436 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 10437 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10438 the State of Mississippi.

10439 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 10440 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 400 S3/5 10441 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 10442 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 10443 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 10444 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

10445 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 10446 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10447 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10448 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10449 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10450 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10451 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10452 10453 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10454 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10455 10456 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10457 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10458 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10459 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10460 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10461 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10462 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10463 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

10464 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10465 commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

10471 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10472 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 10473 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10474 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10475 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10476 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10477 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10478 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10479 10480 this subsection.

10481 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 10482 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10483 10484 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10485 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10486 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10487 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10488 bonds.

10489 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 10490 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 402 R3/5 10491 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10492 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10493 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10494 10495 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10496 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10497 majority of its members.

10498 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10499 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10500 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10501 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10502 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10503 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10504 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10505 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10506 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10507 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10508 10509 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 10510 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10511 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10512 10513 interest thereon.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10514 (13)shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10515 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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10516 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10517 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10518 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10519 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10520 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10521 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10522 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10523 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10524 Mississippi.

10525 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10526 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10527 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10528 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)10529 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10530 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10531 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10532 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10533 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10534 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10535 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10536 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10537 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10538 thereof.

10539 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10540 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 404 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10541 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10542 any existing law of this state.

10543 **SECTION 54.** (1) As used in this section, the following 10544 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10545 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

10554 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 10555 (2)(a) (i) 10556 West Oxford Loop Fund, " is created within the State Treasury. The 10557 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 10558 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 10559 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 10560 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 10561 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 10562 shall be deposited into such fund.

10563 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 10564 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 10565 Administration, to assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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10566 the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in 10567 Lafayette County.

10568 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10569 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10570 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10571 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10572 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10573 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10574 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10575 10576 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10577 directed by the commission.

10578 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the (a) (i) 10579 commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by 10580 resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds 10581 of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs 10582 incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10583 10584 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring that 10585 funds have been irrevocably dedicated in the amount required under 10586 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a) and declaring the 10587 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10588 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10589 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10590 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission,

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10591 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10592 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10593 10594 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10595 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10596 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10597 under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 10598 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 10599 after July 1, 2025.

(ii) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that funds from private, local and/or federal sources have been irrevocably dedicated to assist in paying the costs of the project described in subsection (2) (a) of this section in an amount equal to the amount of bonds to be issued to provide funds for such purposes.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 407 R3/5 10616 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10617 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10618 10619 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10620 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10621 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10622 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10623 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10624 commission.

10625 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10626 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10627 10628 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10629 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10630 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10631 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10632 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10633 10634 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10635 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10636 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10637 10638 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10639 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. 10640 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10641 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10642 the State of Mississippi.

10643 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 10644 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 10645 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 10646 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 10647 10648 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

10649 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)10650 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10651 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10652 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10653 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10654 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10655 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10656 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10657 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10658 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10659 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10660 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10661 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10662 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10663 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10664 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10665 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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10666 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10667 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10668 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10669 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

10675 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10676 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10677 10678 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10679 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10680 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10681 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10682 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10683 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10684 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

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10691 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10692 bonds.

10693 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10694 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10695 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10696 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 10697 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10698 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10699 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10700 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10701 majority of its members.

10702 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10703 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10704 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10705 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10706 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10707 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10708 10709 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10710 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10711 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 10712 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10713 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10714 performance of all duties required by this section to be 10715

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10716 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10717 interest thereon.

10718 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10719 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10720 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10721 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10722 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10723 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10724 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10725 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10726 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10727 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10728 Mississippi.

10729 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10730 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10731 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10732 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)10733 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10734 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10735 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10736 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10737 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10738 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10739 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10740 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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10741 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10742 thereof.

10743 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10744 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10745 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10746 any existing law of this state.

10747 SECTION 55. (1) As used in this section, the following 10748 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10749 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

10758 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

10759 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 10760 City of Oxford Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 10761 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 10762 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 10763 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 10764

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10765 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 10766 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of Oxford Square Park and related facilities in the City of Oxford.

10772 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10773 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10774 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10775 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10776 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10777 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10778 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10779 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10780 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10781 directed by the commission.

10782 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10783 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 10784 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10785 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10786 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10787 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10788 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10789

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10790 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10791 10792 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10793 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10794 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10795 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10796 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10797 10798 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 10799 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10800 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

10806 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 10807 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10808 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10809 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10810 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10811 10812 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10813 10814 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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10815 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10816 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10817 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10818 commission.

10819 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10820 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10821 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10822 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10823 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10824 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10825 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10826 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 10827 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10828 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10829 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10830 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10831 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10832 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10833 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10834 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10835 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10836 the State of Mississippi.

10837 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 10838 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 10839 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

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10840 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 10841 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 10842 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 10843 (7)10844 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10845 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10846 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10847 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10848 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10849 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10850 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10851 10852 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10853 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10854 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10855 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10856 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 10857

10858 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10859 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10860 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10861 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10862 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10863 commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

10869 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10870 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 10871 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10872 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10873 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10874 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10875 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10876 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10877 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10878 this subsection.

10879 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 10880 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10881 10882 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10883 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10884 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10885 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10886 bonds.

10887 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 10888 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

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10889 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10890 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10891 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10892 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10893 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10894 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10895 majority of its members.

10896 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10897 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10898 10899 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10900 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10901 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10902 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10903 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10904 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10905 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10906 10907 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 10908 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10909 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10910 10911 interest thereon.

10912 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
 10913 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
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10914 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10915 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10916 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10917 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10918 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10919 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10920 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10921 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10922 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10926 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)10927 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10928 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10929 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10930 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10931 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10932 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10933 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10934 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10935 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10936 thereof.

10937 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10938 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 420 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10939 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10940 any existing law of this state.

10941 SECTION 56. (1) As used in this section, the following 10942 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10943 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

10953 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 10954 City of Horn Lake Filtration System Fund," is created within the 10955 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 10956 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 10957 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 10958 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10959 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 10960 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

10961 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 10962 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 10963 Administration, to assist the City of Horn Lake, Mississippi, in

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10964 paying costs associated with acquisition and installation of a 10965 pressure filtration system on the well head providing water for the system providing water service to the Twin Lakes Subdivision 10966 10967 area in the City of Horn Lake.

10968 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10969 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10970 10971 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10972 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10973 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10974 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10975 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10976 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10977 directed by the commission.

10978 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10979 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 10980 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10981 10982 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10983 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10984 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10985 10986 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10987 10988 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of

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10989 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10990 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10991 10992 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10993 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10994 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 10995 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10996 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

11002 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)11003 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11004 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11005 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11006 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11007 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11008 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11009 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11010 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11011 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11012

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11013 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11014 commission.

The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 11015 (5) 11016 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 11017 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11018 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11019 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11020 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11021 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11022 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11023 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11024 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11025 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11026 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11027 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11028 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11029 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11030 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 11031 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11032 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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11037 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 11038 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 11039 (7)11040 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11041 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11042 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11043 11044 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11045 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11046 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11047 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 11048 11049 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11050 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11051 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11052 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11053 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

11060 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 11061 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 425 R3/5 11062 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 11063 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 11064 dates named therein.

11065 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11066 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11067 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 11068 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11069 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11070 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11071 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11072 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11073 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11074 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11075 (9) 11076 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11077 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11078 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11079 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11080 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11081 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11082 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

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resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

11092 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 11093 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 11094 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11095 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11096 11097 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 11098 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11099 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11100 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)11101 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11102 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11103 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11104 11105 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11106 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11107 interest thereon.

11108 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11109 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11110 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11111 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

11122 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11123 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11124 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11125 11126 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11127 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11128 11129 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11130 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11131 11132 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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11137 SECTION 57. (1) As used in this section, the following 11138 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11139 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 11148 (C)11149 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of D'Iberville - Mallet Road Fund," is created within the 11150 11151 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11152 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11153 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 11154 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 11155 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 11156 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Mallet Road in the City of D'Iberville.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 429 R3/5 11162 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11163 11164 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11165 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11166 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11167 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11168 11169 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11170 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11171 directed by the commission.

11172 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 11173 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 11174 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11175 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11176 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11177 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11178 11179 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11180 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11181 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11182 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11183 11184 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11185 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11186 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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11187 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11188 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 11189 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 11190 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

11196 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11197 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11198 11199 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11200 11201 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11202 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11203 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11204 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11205 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11206 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11207 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11208 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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11212 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11213 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11214 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11215 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11216 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11217 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11218 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11219 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11220 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11221 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11222 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11223 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11224 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 11225 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11226 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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11237 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11238 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11239 11240 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11241 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11242 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11243 11244 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11245 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11246 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11247 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 433 R3/5 11262 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11263 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11264 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11265 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11266 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11267 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11268 this subsection.

11269 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11270 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11271 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11272 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11273 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11274 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11275 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11276 bonds.

11277 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 11278 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11279 11280 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 11281 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11282 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11283 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11284 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11285 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 434 11286 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)11287 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11288 11289 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 11290 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11291 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11292 11293 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11294 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11295 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11296 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11297 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 11298 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 11299 11300 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11301 interest thereon.

11302 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11303 11304 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11305 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11306 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11307 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11308 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 11309

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11316 (16)11317 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11318 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11319 11320 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11321 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11322 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11323 11324 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11325 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11326 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

11331 SECTION 58. (1) As used in this section, the following 11332 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11333 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

11341 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

11342 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

11343 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 11344 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within 11345 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11346 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11347 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 11348 11349 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 11350 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of a fire truck for the 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department in Kemper County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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11359 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11360 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11361 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11362 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11363 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11364 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11365 directed by the commission.

11366 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 11367 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 11368 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11369 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11370 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11371 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11372 11373 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11374 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11375 11376 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11377 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11378 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11379 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11380 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11381 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand 11382

11383 Dollars (\$120,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 11384 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

11390 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11391 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11392 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11393 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11394 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11395 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11396 11397 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11398 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11399 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11400 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11401 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11402 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 11408 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11409 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11410 11411 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11412 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11413 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11414 11415 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11416 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11417 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11418 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 11419 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11420 the State of Mississippi.

11421 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 11422 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 11423 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 11424 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 11425 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 11426 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

11427 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)11428 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11429 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11430 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11431 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11432

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11433 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11434 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11435 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11436 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 11437 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11438 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11439 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11440 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11441 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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11458 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11459 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11460 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11461 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11462 this subsection.

11463 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11464 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11465 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11466 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11467 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11468 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11469 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11470 bonds.

The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 11471 (10)11472 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11473 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11474 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11475 11476 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11477 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11478 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 11479

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

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11483 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 11484 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11485 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 11486 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11487 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11488 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11489 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11490 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11491 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11492 11493 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11494 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11495 interest thereon.

11496 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11497 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11498 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11499 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11500 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11501 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11502 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 11503 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 443 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11510 (16)11511 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11512 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11513 11514 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11515 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11516 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11517 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11518 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11519 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11520 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

11525 **SECTION 59.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11526 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11527 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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11532 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 11533 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 11534 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 11536 (C) 11537 (2) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Lake Hico Park and Northgate Park Fund," is created within the 11538 11539 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11540 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11541 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 11542 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 11543 11544 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of facilities, equipment, grounds and infrastructure at Lake Hico Park and Northgate Park in Hinds County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described
in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,
abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
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11557 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11558 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11559 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11560 directed by the commission.

11561 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 11562 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11563 11564 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11565 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11566 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11567 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11568 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11569 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11570 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11571 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11572 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11573 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11574 11575 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 11576 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11577 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 11578 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 11579 section after July 1, 2025.

11580 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 11581 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 446 R3/5 11582 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 11583 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 11584 bonds.

11585 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11586 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11587 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11588 11589 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11590 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11591 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11592 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11593 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11594 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11595 11596 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11597 commission.

11598 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 11599 11600 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11601 11602 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11603 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11604 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11605 11606 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

11607 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11608 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11609 11610 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11611 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11612 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11613 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 11614 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11615 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

11622 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 11623 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11624 11625 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 11626 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11627 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11628 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11629 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11630 11631 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds

derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

11638 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 11639 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 11640 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 11641 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 11642 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

11648 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 11649 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11650 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11651 11652 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11653 11654 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11655

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 449 11656 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11657 this subsection.

11658 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11659 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11660 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11661 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11662 11663 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11664 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11665 bonds.

11666 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 11667 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11668 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 11669 Anv 11670 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11671 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11672 11673 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11674 majority of its members.

11675 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 11676 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11677 11678 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11679 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 11680 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 450

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11681 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11682 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 11683 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11684 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11685 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11686 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11687 11688 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11689 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11690 interest thereon.

11691 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11692 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11693 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11694 11695 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11696 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11697 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 11698

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 451 11705 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11706 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 11707 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11708 11709 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11710 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11711 11712 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11713 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11714 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11715 thereof.

11716 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 11717 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 11718 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 11719 any existing law of this state.

11720 **SECTION 60.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11721 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11722 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 452 R3/5 11730 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

11731 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 11732 (a) (i) 11733 Clay County - Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State 11734 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 11735 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 11736 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 11737 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 11738 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 11739 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the overlay of North Beasley Road and South Beasley Road in Clay County.

11745 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 11746 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11747 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11748 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11749 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11750 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11751 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11752 11753 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 11754

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11755 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 11756 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11757 11758 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11759 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11760 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11761 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11762 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11763 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11764 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11765 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11766 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11767 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11768 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11769 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 11770 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11771 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 11772 July 1, 2025. 11773

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 11779 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11780 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11781 11782 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11783 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11784 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11785 11786 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11787 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11788 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11789 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11790 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11791 commission.

11792 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 11793 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 11794 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11795 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11796 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11797 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11798 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11799 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11800 11801 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11802 11803 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

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11804 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11805 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11806 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11807 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 11808 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11809 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

11816 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)11817 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11818 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11819 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 11820 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11821 11822 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11823 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11824 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11825 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11826 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11827 11828 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 456 R3/5 11829 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11830 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11842 (8) 11843 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11844 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 11845 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11846 11847 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11848 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11849 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11850 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11851 this subsection.

11852 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11853 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 457 R3/5 11854 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11855 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11856 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11857 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11858 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11859 bonds.

11860 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)11861 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11862 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11863 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 11864 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11865 11866 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11867 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11868 majority of its members.

11869 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 11870 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11871 11872 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 11873 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11874 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11875 11876 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11877 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11878 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

11885 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11886 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11887 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11888 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11889 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11890 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11891 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 11892

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

11904 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11905 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11906 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11907 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11908 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11909 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

11914 **SECTION 61.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11915 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11916 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
Monroe County Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State
Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

11929 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 11930 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 11931 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 11932 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 11933 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Monroe County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Chapel Grove Road and Bishop Road in Monroe County.

11939 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 11940 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11941 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11942 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11943 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11944 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11945 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11946 11947 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11948 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 11954 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11955 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11956 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11957 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11958 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11959 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11960 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11961 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11962 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11963 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11964 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 11965 11966 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 11967

(b) 11968 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 11969 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 11970 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 11971 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 11972 bonds.

11973 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)11974 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11975 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11976 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11977

11978 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 462

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11979 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11980 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11981 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11982 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11983 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11984 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11985 commission.

11986 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 11987 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11988 11989 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11990 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11991 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11992 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11993 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11994 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11995 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11996 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11997 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11998 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11999 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12000 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12001 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12002 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 12003

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12010 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)12011 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12012 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12013 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12014 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12015 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12016 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12017 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12018 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12019 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12020 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12021 12022 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12023 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12024 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 12025 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

12026 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12027 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12028 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

12029 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12030 commission.

12031 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12032 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12033 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12034 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12035 dates named therein.

12036 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12037 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12038 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12039 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12040 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12041 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12042 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12043 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12044 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12045 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12046 12047 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12048 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12049 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12050 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12051 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12052 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12053 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 465 R3/5 12054 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12055 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12056 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12057 12058 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12059 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12060 12061 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12062 majority of its members.

12063 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 12064 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 12065 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12066 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 12067 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12068 12069 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12070 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

12078 interest thereon.

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12079 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12080 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12081 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12082 12083 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12084 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12085 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12086 of securing the deposit of public funds.

12087 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12088 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12089 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 12093 (16)12094 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12095 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12096 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12097 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12098 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12099 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12100 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12101 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12102 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12103 thereof.

12104 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12105 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12106 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12107 any existing law of this state.

12108 **SECTION 62.** (1) As used in this section, the following 12109 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12110 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

12119 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

12120 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Byram - Clinton Parkway Project Fund," is created within the State 12121 12122 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 12123 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 12124 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 12125 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 12126 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 12127

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying
costs associated with construction and development of the
Byram-Clinton Parkway project in Hinds County, Mississippi.

12133 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 12134 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12135 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12136 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12137 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 12138 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12139 12140 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12141 12142 directed by the commission.

12143 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 12144 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12145 12146 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12147 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12148 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12149 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 12150 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12151 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12152

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12153 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12154 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12155 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12156 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12157 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12158 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 12159 12160 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 12161 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

12167 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12168 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12169 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12170 12171 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12172 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12173 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12174 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12175 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12176 12177 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12178 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12179 commission.

12180 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 12181 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 12182 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 12183 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12184 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12185 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12186 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12187 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12188 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12189 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12190 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12191 12192 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12193 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12194 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12195 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12196 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12197 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 471 12202 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 12203 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12204 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)12205 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12206 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12207 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12208 12209 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12210 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12211 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12212 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12213 12214 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12215 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12216 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12217 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12218 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12219 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12220 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12221 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12222 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12223 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12224 commission.

12225 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12226 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 472 R3/5 12227 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12228 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12229 dates named therein.

12230 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12231 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12232 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12233 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12234 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12235 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12236 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12237 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12238 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12239 this subsection.

12240 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 12241 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12242 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12243 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12244 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12245 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12246 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12247 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 473 R3/5 12252 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12253 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12254 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12255 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12256 majority of its members.

12257 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 12258 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 12259 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12260 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12261 12262 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12263 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12264 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12265 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)12266 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12267 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12268 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12269 12270 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12271 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12272 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 474 R3/5 12277 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12278 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12279 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12280 of securing the deposit of public funds.

12281 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12282 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12283 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

12287 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 12288 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12289 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12290 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12291 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12292 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12293 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12294 12295 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12296 12297 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 475 R3/5 12302 SECTION 63. (1) As used in this section, the following 12303 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12304 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

12314 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 12315 Town of Flora Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," is 12316 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 12317 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 12318 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 12319 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 12320 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 12321 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water system and sewer system infrastructure.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 476 R3/5 12327 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 12328 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12329 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12330 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12331 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 12332 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12333 12334 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12335 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12336 directed by the commission.

12337 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12338 12339 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12340 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12341 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12342 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12343 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12344 12345 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12346 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12347 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12348 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12349 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12350 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12351 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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12352 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 12353 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 12354 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 12355 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

12361 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12362 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12363 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12364 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12365 12366 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12367 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12368 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12369 12370 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12371 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12372 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12373 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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12377 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12378 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12379 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12380 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12381 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12382 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12383 12384 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12385 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12386 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12387 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12388 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12389 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 12390 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12391 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12398 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
12399 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,
12400 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
12401 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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12402 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12403 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12404 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12405 12406 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12407 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12408 12409 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12410 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12411 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12412 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12413 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12414 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12415 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12416 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12417 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12418 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 480 R3/5 12427 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12428 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12429 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12430 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12431 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12432 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12433 this subsection.

12434 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12435 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12436 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12437 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12438 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12439 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12440 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12441 bonds.

12442 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12443 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12444 12445 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12446 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12447 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12448 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12449 12450 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 481 12451 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 12452 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12453 12454 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 12455 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12456 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12457 12458 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12459 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12460 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12461 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12462 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 12463 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 12464 12465 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12466 interest thereon.

12467 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12468 12469 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12470 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12471 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12472 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12473 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 12474

12475 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12476 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12477 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 12481 (16)12482 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12483 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12484 12485 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12486 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12487 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12488 12489 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12490 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12491 thereof.

12492 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12493 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12494 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12495 any existing law of this state.

12496 SECTION 64. (1) As used in this section, the following 12497 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12498 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

12506 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. 12507 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 12508 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the 12509 "Madison County Bozeman Road," is created within the State 12510 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 12511 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 12512 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 12513 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 12514 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 12515 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to Bozeman Road in Madison County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

12531 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 12532 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12533 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12534 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12535 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12536 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12537 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 12538 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12539 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12540 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12541 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12542 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12543 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12544 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12545 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 12546 under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars 12547

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12548 (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 12549 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

12555 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12556 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12557 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12558 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12559 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12560 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12561 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12562 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12563 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12564 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12565 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12566 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12567 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12573 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12574 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12575 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12576 12577 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12578 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12579 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12580 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12581 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12582 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12583 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12584 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12585 the State of Mississippi.

12586 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 12587 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 12588 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 12589 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 12590 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 12591 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12592 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)12593 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12594 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12595 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12596 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12597

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12598 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12599 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12600 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12601 12602 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12603 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12604 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12605 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12606 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12607 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12608 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12609 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12610 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12611 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12612 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

12623 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12624 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12625 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12626 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12627 this subsection.

12628 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12629 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12630 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12631 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12632 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12633 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12634 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12635 bonds.

12636 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)12637 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 12638 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12639 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12640 12641 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12642 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12643 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12644 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 489 R3/5 12648 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 12649 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12650 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12651 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12652 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12653 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12654 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12655 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12656 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12657 12658 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12659 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12660 interest thereon.

12661 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12662 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12663 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12664 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12665 12666 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12667 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12668 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi. 12672 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 12673 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 12674 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

12675 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)12676 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12677 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12678 12679 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12680 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12681 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12682 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12683 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12684 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12685 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

12690 **SECTION 65.** (1) As used in this section, the following 12691 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12692 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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12697 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 12698 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 12699 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 12701 (C) 12702 (2) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) City of Clinton Road and Street Improvements Fund," is created 12703 12704 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 12705 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 12706 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 12707 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 12708 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 12709 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements and upgrades to Arrow Drive and Northside Drive in the City of Clinton.

12716 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 12717 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12718 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12719 12720 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 12721 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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12722 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12723 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12724 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12725 directed by the commission.

12726 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 12727 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12728 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12729 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12730 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12731 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12732 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 12733 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12734 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12735 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12736 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12737 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12738 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12739 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12740 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12741 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 12742 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 12743 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 12744

12745 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 12746 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 493 R3/5 12747 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 12748 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 12749 bonds.

12750 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12751 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12752 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12753 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12754 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12755 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12756 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12757 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12758 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12759 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12760 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12761 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12762 commission.

12763 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 12764 12765 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 12766 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12767 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12768 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12769 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12770 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12771 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12772 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12773 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12774 12775 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12776 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12777 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12778 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 12779 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12780 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12787 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 12788 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12789 12790 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12791 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12792 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12793 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12794 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12795 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12796 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds

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derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12802 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12803 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12804 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12805 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12806 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12807 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

12813 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 12814 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12815 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12816 12817 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12818 12819 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12820

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12823 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 12824 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12825 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12826 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12827 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12828 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12829 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12830 bonds.

12831 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12832 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 12833 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 12834 Anv 12835 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12836 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12837 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12838 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12839 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12846 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12847 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12848 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12849 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12850 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12851 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 12852 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12853 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12854 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12855 interest thereon.

12856 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12857 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12858 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12859 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12860 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12861 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12862 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 12863

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

12867 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 12868 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 12869 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 498 12870 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12871 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12872 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12873 12874 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12875 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12876 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12877 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12878 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12879 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12880 thereof.

12881 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12882 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12883 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12884 any existing law of this state.

12885 **SECTION 66.** (1) As used in this section, the following 12886 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12887 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

12896 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 12897 (2)The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, (a) 12898 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for 12899 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 12900 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-731. 12901 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 12902 Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 12903 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 12904 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 12905 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon 12906 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 12907 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12908 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12909 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12910 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 12911 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12912 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 12913 section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No 12914 bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 12915 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-731. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 500 R3/5 12920 pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance 12921 with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

12922 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (3)12923 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12924 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12925 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12926 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12927 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12928 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12929 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12930 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12931 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12932 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12933 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12934 commission.

12935 (4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 12936 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 12937 12938 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12939 12940 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12941 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12942 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12943 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12944 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12945 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12946 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12947 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12948 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12949 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12950 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12951 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12952 the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12959 (6)The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 12960 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 12961 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12962 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12963 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 12964 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 12965 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12966 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 12967 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 12968 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. 12969 The commission

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12970 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 12971 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 12972 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All 12973 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable 12974 semiannually or annually.

12975 If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, 12976 notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least 12977 one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 12978 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 12979 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 12980 selected by the commission.

12981 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12982 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12983 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12984 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12985 dates named therein.

12986 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (7)12987 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12988 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12989 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12990 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12991 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12992 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12993

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12994 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12995 this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund created in Section 57-1-731. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

13003 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13004 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13005 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13006 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 13007 13008 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13009 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13010 majority of its members. 13011

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 504 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

13028 (12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13029 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13030 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13031 13032 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13033 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13034 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 13035

13036 (13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 13037 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 13038 Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

13042 (15)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 13043 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 13044 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13045 13046 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13047 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13048 13049 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13050 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13051 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13052 thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

13057 SECTION 67. (1) As used in this section, the following 13058 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13059 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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13067 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 13068 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 13069 (a) (i) DeSoto County - Getwell Road Fund," is created within the State 13070 13071 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 13072 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 13073 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 13074 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 13075 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 13076 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, in paying
costs associated with five-laning the portion of Getwell Road from
Lester to Pleasant Hill Road in DeSoto County.

13082 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 13083 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13084 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13085 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13086 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13087 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13088 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13089 13090 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 13091

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 507 R3/5 13092 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 13093 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13094 13095 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13096 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13097 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13098 13099 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13100 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13101 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13102 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13103 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13104 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13105 13106 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13107 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13108 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 13109 13110 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 13116 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 13117 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13118 13119 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13120 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13121 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13122 13123 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13124 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13125 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13126 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13127 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13128 commission.

13129 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13130 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13131 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13132 13133 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13134 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13135 13136 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13137 13138 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13139 13140 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

13141 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13142 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13143 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13144 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 13145 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13146 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

13153 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13154 13155 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13156 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13157 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13158 13159 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13160 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13161 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13162 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 13163 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13164 13165 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 510 R3/5 13166 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13167 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

13168 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13169 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13170 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13171 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13172 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13173 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13179 (8) 13180 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13181 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13182 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13183 13184 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13185 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13186 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13187 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13188 this subsection.

13189 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13190 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13197 (10)13198 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13199 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13200 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13201 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13202 13203 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13204 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13205 majority of its members.

13206 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13207 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13208 13209 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13210 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13211 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13212 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13213 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13214 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13215 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

13222 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13223 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13224 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13225 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13226 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13227 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13228 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13229 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

13251 SECTION 68. (1) As used in this section, the following 13252 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13253 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

13262 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
13264 Claiborne County - ASU Foundation, Inc., Fund," is created within
13265 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

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13266 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 13267 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 13268 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 13269 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 13270 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

13271 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 13272 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 13273 Administration, to assist the ASU Foundation, Inc., in paying 13274 costs associated with repairing, renovating, restoring, 13275 rehabilitating, preserving, upgrading, improving, furnishing 13276 and/or equipping the Historic Oakland Memorial Chapel, Belles Lettres Hall, the Old President's Home, and the Historic Oakland 13277 13278 Memorial Cemetery in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

13279 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13280 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13281 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13282 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13283 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13284 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13285 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13286 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13287 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13288 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

13291 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13292 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13293 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13294 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13295 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13296 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13297 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13298 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13299 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13300 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13301 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13302 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13303 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13304 13305 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 13306 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 13307 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in
accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such
bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
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13316 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13317 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13318 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 13319 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13320 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13321 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13322 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13323 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13324 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13325 commission.

13326 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13327 13328 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13329 13330 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13331 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13332 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 13333 13334 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13335 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13336 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13337 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13338 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13339 13340 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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13341 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 13342 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13343 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

13350 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13351 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13352 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13353 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13354 13355 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13356 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13357 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13358 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13359 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 13360 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13361 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13362 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13363 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 13364

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13365 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13366 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13367 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13368 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13369 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13370 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

13376 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13377 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13378 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13379 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13380 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13381 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13382 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13383 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13384 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13385 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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13390 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13391 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13392 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13393 bonds.

13394 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13395 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13396 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13397 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13398 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13399 13400 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13401 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13402 majority of its members.

13403 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)13404 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13405 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13406 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13407 13408 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13409 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13410 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13411 (12)

13412 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 13413 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13414 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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13415 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13416 performance of all duties required by this section to be 13417 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13418 interest thereon.

13419 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13420 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13421 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13422 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13423 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13424 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13425 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13426 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

13433 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 13434 13435 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 13436 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13437 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13438 13439 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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13440 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13441 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13442 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13443 thereof.

13444 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 13445 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 13446 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 13447 any existing law of this state.

13448 **SECTION 69.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13449 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13450 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

13458 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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13459 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

13460 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 13461 City of Hazlehurst - Community Center/Emergency Storm Shelter 13462 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 13463 13464 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a community center/emergency storm shelter and related facilities.

13474 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 13475 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13476 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13477 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13478 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13479 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13480 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13481 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13482 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13483 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in
subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution
by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the

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13490 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13491 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13492 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13493 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13494 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13495 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13496 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13497 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13498 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13499 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13500 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 13501 13502 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places

13514 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature

absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

13521 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 13522 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13523 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13524 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13525 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13526 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13527 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13528 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 13529 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13530 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13531 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13532 13533 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13534 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13535 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13536 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 13537 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 13538

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(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13545 (7)13546 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13547 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13548 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13549 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13550 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13551 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13552 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13553 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13554 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 13555 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13556 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13557 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13558 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13559 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 13560 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13561 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13562

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in one or more newspapers published or having a general

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

13571 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13572 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13573 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13574 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13575 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13576 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13577 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13578 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13579 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13580 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13581 13582 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 13583 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13584 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13585 13586 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13587 13588 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 527 R3/5 13589 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13590 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13591 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13592 13593 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 13594 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13595 13596 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13597 majority of its members.

13598 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13599 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13600 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13601 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13602 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13603 13604 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13605 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

13613 interest thereon.

13614 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13615 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13616 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13617 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13618 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13619 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13620 13621 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 13628 (16)13629 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 13630 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13631 13632 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13633 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13634 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13635 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13636 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13637 thereof. 13638

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(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

13643 **SECTION 70.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13644 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13645 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

13654 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

13655 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of Louisville Access Road Fund," is created within the State 13656 13657 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 13658 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 13659 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 13660 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 13661 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 13662

13663 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 13664 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in 13665 13666 paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other 13667 transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will 13668 provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated for an economic development project on or near the location of 13669 13670 Winston Plywood & Veneer.

13671 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13672 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13673 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13674 13675 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13676 13677 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13678 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13679 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 13680

13681 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 13682 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 13683 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13684 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13685 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13686 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13687 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

13688 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13689 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13690 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13691 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13692 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13693 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13694 13695 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13696 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 13697 13698 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 13699

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

13705 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 13706 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 13707 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13708 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13709 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13710 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13711 13712 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 13713 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13714 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13715 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13716 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13717 commission.

13718 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13719 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13720 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13721 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13722 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13723 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13724 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13725 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 13726 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13727 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13728 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13729 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13730 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13731 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13732 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13733 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 13734 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13735 the State of Mississippi.

13736 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the13737 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 533 S3 13738 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 13739 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 13740 13741 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

13742 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13743 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13744 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13745 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13746 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13747 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13748 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13749 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13750 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13751 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 13752 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13753 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13754 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13755 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13756 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

13757 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13758 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13759 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13760 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13761 13762 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

13768 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13769 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13770 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13771 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13772 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13773 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13774 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13775 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13776 13777 this subsection.

13778 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13779 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13780 13781 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 13782 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13783 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13784 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13785 bonds.

13786 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued13787 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

13788 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13789 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13790 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 13791 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13792 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13793 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13794 majority of its members.

13795 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)13796 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13797 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13798 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13799 13800 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13801 13802 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13803 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13804 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13805 13806 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 13807 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13808 performance of all duties required by this section to be 13809 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13810 interest thereon.

13811(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section13812shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 536 S)FI (H)WM 13813 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13814 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13815 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13816 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13817 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13818 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

13825 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)13826 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 13827 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 13828 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13829 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13830 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13831 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13832 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13833 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13834 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13835 thereof.

13836 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 13837 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 537 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 13838 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 13839 any existing law of this state.

13840 **SECTION 71.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13841 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13842 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

13850 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

13851 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2)13852 (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 13853 Town of Eupora Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 13854 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 13855 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 13856 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 13857 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 13858 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 13859 shall be deposited into such fund.

13860 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
13861 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
13862 Administration, to assist the Town of Eupora, Mississippi, in

13863 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and 13864 improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Eupora.

13865 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13866 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13867 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13868 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13869 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13870 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13871 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13872 13873 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13874 directed by the commission.

13875 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 13876 13877 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13878 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13879 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13880 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13881 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13882 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13883 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13884 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13885 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13886 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13887

13888 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13889 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13890 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13891 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars 13892 (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 13893 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in
accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such
bonds.

13899 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 13900 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13901 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13902 13903 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13904 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13905 13906 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13907 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13908 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13909 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13910 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13911 commission.

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13912 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13913 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13914 13915 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13916 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13917 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13918 13919 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 13920 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13921 13922 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13923 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13924 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13925 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13926 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13927 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 13928 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 13929

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 541 13936 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13937 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13938 13939 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13940 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13941 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13942 13943 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13944 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13945 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13946 13947 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13948 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13949 13950 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 13951 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13952 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13953

13954 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13955 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13956 commission.

13957 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 13958 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 13959 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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13962 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 13963 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13964 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13965 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13966 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13967 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13968 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13969 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13970 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13971 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13972 (9) 13973 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 13974 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13975 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 13976 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13977 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13978 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13979 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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13985 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13986 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13987 13988 majority of its members.

13989 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13990 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13991 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13992 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13993 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13994 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13995 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13996 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13997 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 13998 13999 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14000 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14001 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 14002 14003 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14004 interest thereon.

14005 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14006 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14007 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14008 14009 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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14010 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14011 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14012 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

14016 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 14017 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 14018 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

14019 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)14020 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14021 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14022 14023 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14024 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14025 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14026 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14027 14028 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14029 thereof.

14030 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14031 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 14032 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14033 any existing law of this state.

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14034 SECTION 72. (1) As used in this section, the following 14035 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14036 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

14046 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Town of French Camp Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created 14047 14048 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 14049 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 14050 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 14051 14052 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 14053 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and other improvements to the town's sewer system, sewer lagoon and related infrastructure.

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14059 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 14060 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14061 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14062 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14063 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14064 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14065 14066 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14067 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14068 directed by the commission.

14069 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 14070 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14071 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14072 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14073 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14074 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14075 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14076 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14077 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14078 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14079 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14080 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14081 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14082 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14083

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14084 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14085 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 14086 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 14087 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

14093 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14094 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14095 14096 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14097 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14098 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14099 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14100 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14101 14102 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14103 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14104 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14105 commission.

14106 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 14107 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 14108 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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14109 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14110 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14111 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14112 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14113 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14114 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14115 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14116 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14117 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14118 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14119 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14120 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14121 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 14122 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14123 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

14130 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
14131 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,
14132 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
14133 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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14134 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14135 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14136 14137 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14138 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14139 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14140 14141 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14142 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14143 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14144 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14145 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14146 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14147 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14148 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14149 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14150 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

14156 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14157 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14158 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

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14159 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14160 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14161 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14162 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14163 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14164 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14165 this subsection.

14166 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14167 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14168 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14169 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14170 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14171 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14172 14173 bonds.

14174 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14175 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14176 14177 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14178 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14179 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14180 14181 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 14182

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 551 14183 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 14184 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14185 14186 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14187 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14188 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14189 14190 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14191 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14192 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14193 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14194 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14195 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 14196 14197 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14198 interest thereon.

14199 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14200 14201 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14202 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14203 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14204 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14205 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 14206

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(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

14213 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)14214 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14215 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14216 14217 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14218 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14219 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14220 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14221 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14222 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14223 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

14228 SECTION 73. (1) As used in this section, the following 14229 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14230 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

14238 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

14239 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

14240 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 14241 Choctaw County - Sturgis Road Fund," is created within the State 14242 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 14243 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 14244 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 14245 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 14246 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 14247 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

14248 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
14249 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
14250 Administration, to assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying
14251 costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
14252 improvements to Sturgis Road in Choctaw County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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14256 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14257 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14258 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14259 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14260 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14261 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14262 directed by the commission.

14263 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 14264 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14265 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14266 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14267 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14268 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14269 14270 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14271 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14272 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14273 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14274 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14275 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14276 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14277 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14278 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Twenty-five 14279

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14280 Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 14281 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

14287 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14288 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14289 14290 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14291 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14292 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14293 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14294 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14295 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14296 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14297 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14298 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14299 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

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14305 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14306 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14307 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14308 14309 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14310 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14311 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14312 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14313 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14314 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14315 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 14316 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14317 the State of Mississippi.

All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 14318 (6) 14319 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 14320 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 14321 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 14322 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 14323 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

14324 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)14325 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14326 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14327 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14328 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14329

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14330 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14331 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14332 14333 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14334 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14335 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14336 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14337 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14338 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14339 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14340 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14341 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14342 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14343 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14344 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 14355 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14356 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14357 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14358 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14359 this subsection.

14360 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14361 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14362 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14363 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14364 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14365 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14366 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14367 bonds.

The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 14368 (10)14369 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14370 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14371 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14372 14373 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14374 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14375 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14376 majority of its members.

14377 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
14378 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
14379 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

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14380 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14381 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14382 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14383 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14384 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14385 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14386 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14387 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14388 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 14389 14390 performance of all duties required by this section to be 14391 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14392 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14393 14394 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14395 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14396 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14397 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14398 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14399 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14400 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 560 14404 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 14405 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 14406 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 14407 (16)14408 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14409 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 14410 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14411 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14412 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14413 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14414 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14415 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14416 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14417 thereof.

14418 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14419 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 14420 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14421 any existing law of this state.

14422 SECTION 74. (1) As used in this section, the following 14423 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14424 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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14429 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 14430 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 14431 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 14433 (C) 14434 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Chester - Tomnolen Road Fund," is created within the State 14435 14436 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 14437 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 14438 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 14439 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 14440 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 14441 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Webster County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Chester - Tomnolen Road in Webster and Choctaw County.

14448 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 14449 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14450 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14451 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14452 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14453 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

14458 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 14459 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14460 14461 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14462 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14463 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14464 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14465 14466 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14467 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14468 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14469 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14470 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14471 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14472 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14473 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14474 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 14475 July 1, 2025. 14476

14477 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 14478 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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14479 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 14480 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 14481 bonds.

14482 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14483 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14484 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14485 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14486 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14487 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14488 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14489 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14490 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14491 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14492 14493 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14494 commission.

14495 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 14496 14497 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 14498 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14499 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14500 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14501 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14502 14503 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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14504 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14505 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14506 14507 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14508 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14509 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14510 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 14511 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14512 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

14519 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 14520 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14521 14522 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 14523 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14524 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14525 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14526 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14527 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14528

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 565 R3/5 14529 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14530 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14531 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14532 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14533 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14534 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14535 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14536 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14537 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14538 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14539 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

14545 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 14546 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14547 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14548 14549 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14550 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14551 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14552

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14553 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14554 this subsection.

14555 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14556 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14557 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14558 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14559 14560 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14561 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14562 bonds.

14563 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 14564 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14565 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 14566 Anv 14567 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14568 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14569 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14570 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14571 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
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by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other

14583 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14584 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 14585 performance of all duties required by this section to be 14586 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14587 interest thereon.

14588 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14589 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14590 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14591 14592 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14593 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14594 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 14595

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 568 14602 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14603 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 14604 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14605 14606 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14607 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14608 14609 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14610 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14611 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14612 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

14617 SECTION 75. (1) As used in this section, the following 14618 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14619 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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14627 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 14628 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 14629 (a) (i) Grenada County - Business/Industrial Park Road Fund," is created 14630 14631 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 14632 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 14633 14634 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 14635 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 14636 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with preplanning, construction and development of, Business/Industrial Park Road in Grenada County.

14642 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 14643 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14644 14645 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14646 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14647 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14648 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14649 14650 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 14651

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14652 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 14653 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14654 14655 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14656 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14657 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14658 14659 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14660 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14661 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14662 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14663 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14664 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14665 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14666 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14667 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14668 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 14669 14670 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 14676 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14677 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14678 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14679 14680 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14681 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14682 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14683 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14684 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14685 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14686 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14687 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14688 commission.

14689 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 14690 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 14691 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 14692 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14693 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14694 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14695 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14696 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14697 14698 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14699 14700 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

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purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

14713 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)14714 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14715 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14716 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 14717 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14718 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14719 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14720 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14721 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14722 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14723 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14724 14725 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 573 R3/5 14726 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14727 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14728 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14729 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14730 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14731 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14732 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14733 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14739 (8) 14740 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14741 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 14742 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14743 14744 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14745 14746 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14747 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14748 this subsection.

14749 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14750 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 574 R3/5 14751 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14752 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14753 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14754 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14755 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14756 bonds.

14757 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)14758 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14759 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14760 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14761 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14762 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14763 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14764 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14765 majority of its members.

14766 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 14767 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14768 14769 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14770 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14771 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14772 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14773 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14774 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14775 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

14782 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14783 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14784 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14785 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14786 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14787 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14788 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 14789

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

14796 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
14797 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
14798 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of
14799 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
14800 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

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14801 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14802 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14803 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14804 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14805 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14806 thereof.

14807 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14808 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 14809 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14810 any existing law of this state.

14811 SECTION 76. (1) As used in this section, the following 14812 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14813 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

14822 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

14823 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
14824 Pontotoc County Courthouse Fund," is created within the State
14825 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

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(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pontotoc County Courthouse.

14836 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 14837 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14838 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14839 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14840 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14841 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14842 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14843 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14844 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14845 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in
subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 14851 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14852 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14853 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14854 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14855 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14856 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14857 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14858 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14859 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14860 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14861 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 14862 14863 Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 14864

(b) 14865 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 14866 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 14867 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 14868 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 14869 bonds.

14870 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)14871 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14872 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14873 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14874

14875 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 579

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14876 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14877 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14878 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14879 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14880 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14881 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14882 commission.

14883 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 14884 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 14885 14886 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14887 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14888 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14889 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14890 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14891 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14892 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14893 14894 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14895 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14896 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14897 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14898 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 14899 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 14900

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(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

14907 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 14908 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14909 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14910 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 14911 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14912 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14913 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14914 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14915 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14916 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14917 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14918 14919 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14920 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14921 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 14922 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14923 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14924 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published

14924 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14925 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

14926 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14927 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

14933 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14934 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14935 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 14936 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14937 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14938 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14939 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14940 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14941 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14942 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14943 14944 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14945 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14946 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14947 14948 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14949 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14950 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 582 R3/5 14951 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 14952 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14953 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14954 14955 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14956 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14957 14958 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14959 majority of its members.

14960 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 14961 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 14962 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14963 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14964 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14965 14966 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14967 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

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14975 interest thereon.

14976 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14977 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14978 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14979 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14980 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14981 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14982 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14983 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 14990 (16)14991 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14992 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14993 14994 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14995 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14996 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14997 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14998 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14999 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15000 thereof.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 15001 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15002 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15003 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15004 any existing law of this state.

15005 SECTION 77. (1) As used in this section, the following 15006 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15007 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 15016 (C) 15017 A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (2)(a) (i) Pontotoc County - W.A. Grist Building Fund," is created within the 15018 15019 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 15020 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 15021 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 15022 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15023 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 15024

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the W. A. Grist building.

15031 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 15032 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15033 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15034 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15035 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15036 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15037 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 15038 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15039 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15040 directed by the commission.

15041 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15042 15043 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15044 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15045 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15046 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15047 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15048 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15049

15050 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15051 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15052 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15053 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15054 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15055 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15056 15057 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 15058 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 15059 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

15065 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15066 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15067 15068 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15069 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15070 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15071 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15072 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15073 15074 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 587 R3/5

15075 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15076 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15077 commission.

15078 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 15079 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 15080 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 15081 The interest 15082 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15083 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15084 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15085 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15086 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 15087 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15088 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15089 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15090 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15091 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15092 15093 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15094 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15095 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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15100 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 15101 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

15102 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 15103 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 15104 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15105 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15106 15107 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15108 15109 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15110 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15111 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15112 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15113 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15114 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15115 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 15116

15117 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15118 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15119 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15120 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15121 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15122 commission.

15123 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 15124 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 589 R3/5 15125 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 15126 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 15127 dates named therein.

15128 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15129 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15130 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15131 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15132 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15133 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15134 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15135 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15136 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15137 this subsection.

15138 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 15139 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15140 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15141 15142 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15143 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15144 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15145 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 590 R3/5 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

15155 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 15156 15157 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15158 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15159 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15160 15161 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15162 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15163 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)15164 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15165 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15166 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 15167 15168 performance of all duties required by this section to be 15169 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15170 interest thereon.

15171 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
15172 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
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15174 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 15175 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15176 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15177 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15178 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

15182 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 15183 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 15184 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

15185 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15186 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15187 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15188 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15189 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15190 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15191 15192 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15193 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15194 15195 thereof.

15196 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15197 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15198 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15199 any existing law of this state.

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15200 SECTION 78. (1) As used in this section, the following 15201 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15202 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15212 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 15213 Pontotoc County Chancery Court Building and Youth Court Facility 15214 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 15215 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 15216 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 15217 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 15218 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 15219 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 15220 such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and

15225 improvements to the Chancery Court building and Youth Court 15226 facility.

15227 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 15228 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15229 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15230 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15231 15232 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15233 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15234 15235 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15236 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 15237 (3) (a) 15238 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15239 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15240 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15241 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15242 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15243 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15244 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15245 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15246 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15247 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15248 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15249

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15250 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15251 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 15252 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15253 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 15254 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 15255 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

15261 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15262 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 15263 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15264 15265 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15266 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15267 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15268 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 15269 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15270 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 15271 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15272 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15273 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 595 15274 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 15275 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 15276 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 15277 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15278 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15279 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15280 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15281 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15282 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 15283 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15284 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15285 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15286 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15287 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15288 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15289 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15290 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15291 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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15298 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 15299 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15300 15301 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 15302 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15303 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15304 15305 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15306 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15307 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15308 15309 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15310 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15311 15312 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15313 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15314 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15315 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15316 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15317 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15318 commission.

15319 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 15320 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 15321 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

15322 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 15323 dates named therein.

15324 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 15325 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15326 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15327 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15328 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15329 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15330 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15331 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15332 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 15333

15334 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 15335 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15336 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15337 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15338 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15339 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15340 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15341 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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15347 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15348 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15349 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15350 majority of its members.

15351 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 15352 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15353 15354 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15355 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15356 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15357 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15358 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15359 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)15360 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15361 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15362 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 15363 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 15364 15365 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15366 interest thereon.

15367 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15368 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15369 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 15370 15371 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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15372 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15373 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15374 of securing the deposit of public funds.

15375 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 15376 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 15377 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

15381 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15382 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15383 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15384 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15385 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15386 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15387 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15388 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15389 15390 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15391 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

15396 SECTION 79. (1) As used in this section, the following 15397 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15398 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

15407 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)15408 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of Shelby - Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Fund," is created 15409 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 15410 15411 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 15412 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 15413 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15414 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15415 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Shelby, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and

15420 improvements to Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive in the City of 15421 Shelby.

15422 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 15423 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15424 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15425 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15426 15427 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15428 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15429 15430 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15431 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 15432 (3) (a) 15433 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15434 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15435 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15436 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15437 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15438 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15439 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15440 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15441 15442 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15443 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15444

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15445 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15446 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 15447 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15448 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 15449 Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 15450 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

15456 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15457 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15458 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15459 15460 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15461 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15462 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15463 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 15464 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15465 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15466 15467 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15468 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 603 15469 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 15470 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 15471 15472 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15473 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15474 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15475 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15476 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15477 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 15478 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15479 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15480 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15481 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15482 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15483 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15484 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15485 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15486 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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15493 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 15494 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15495 15496 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 15497 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15498 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15499 15500 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15501 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15502 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15503 15504 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15505 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15506 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15507 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15508 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15509 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15510 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15511 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15512 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15513 commission.

15514 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 15515 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 15516 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

15517 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 15518 dates named therein.

15519 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 15520 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15521 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15522 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15523 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15524 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15525 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15526 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15527 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15528 this subsection.

15529 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 15530 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15531 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15532 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15533 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15534 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15535 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15536 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 606 R3/5 15542 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15543 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15544 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15545 majority of its members.

15546 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 15547 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15548 15549 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15550 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15551 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15552 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15553 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15554 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)15555 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15556 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15557 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 15558 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 15559 15560 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15561 interest thereon.

15562 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15563 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15564 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15565 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 15566 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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15567 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15568 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15569 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

15576 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15577 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15578 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15579 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15580 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15581 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15582 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15583 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15584 15585 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15586 thereof.

15587 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15588 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15589 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15590 any existing law of this state.

15591 SECTION 80. (1) As used in this section, the following 15592 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15593 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15603 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 15604 Belwood Levee Construction Fund," is created within the State 15605 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 15606 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 15607 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 15608 15609 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 15610 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Adams County, Mississippi, in paying the costs related to the completion of the Belwood Levee in Adams County, Mississippi.

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15616 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15617 15618 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15619 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15620 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15621 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 15622 15623 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15624 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15625 directed by the commission.

15626 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 15627 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15628 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15629 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15630 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15631 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15632 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15633 15634 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15635 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15636 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15637 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15638 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15639 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15640 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

15641 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15642 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 15643 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 15644 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

15650 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15651 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 15652 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15653 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15654 15655 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15656 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15657 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15658 15659 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 15660 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15661 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15662 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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15666 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15667 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15668 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15669 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15670 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15671 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15672 15673 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15674 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15675 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15676 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15677 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15678 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 15679 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15680 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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15691 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15692 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15693 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15694 15695 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15696 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15697 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15698 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15699 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15700 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15701 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15702 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15703 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15704 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15705 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15706 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15707 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

15713 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15714 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15715 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

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15716 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15717 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15718 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15719 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15720 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15721 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15722 this subsection.

15723 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 15724 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15725 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15726 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15727 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15728 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15729 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15730 bonds.

15731 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 15732 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 15733 15734 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 15735 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15736 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15737 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15738 15739 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 614 15740 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 15741 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15742 15743 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15744 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15745 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15746 15747 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15748 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 15749 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15750 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15751 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 15752 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 15753 15754 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15755 interest thereon.

15756 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15757 15758 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15759 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 15760 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15761 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15762 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 15763

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

15767 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 15768 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 15769 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

15770 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)15771 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15772 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15773 15774 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15775 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15776 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15777 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15778 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15779 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15780 thereof.

15781 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15782 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15783 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15784 any existing law of this state.

15785 **SECTION 81.** (1) As used in this section, the following 15786 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15787 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

15795 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

15796 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15797 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 15798 Hancock County Fairgrounds Improvements Fund," is created within 15799 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 15800 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 15801 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15802 15803 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15804 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades, improvements and additions to the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

15820 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15821 15822 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15823 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15824 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15825 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15826 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15827 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15828 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15829 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15830 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15831 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15832 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15833 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 15834 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15835 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 15836

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15837 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 15838 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

15844 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15845 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 15846 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15847 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15848 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15849 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15850 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15851 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 15852 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15853 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 15854 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15855 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15856 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

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15862 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15863 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15864 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 15865 15866 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15867 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15868 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15869 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15870 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15871 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15872 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15873 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15874 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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15887 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15888 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15889 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15890 15891 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15892 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15893 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15894 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15895 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15896 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15897 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15898 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15899 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15900 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15901 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 15912 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15913 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15914 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15915 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15916 this subsection.

15917 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 15918 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15919 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15920 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15921 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15922 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15923 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15924 bonds.

15925 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)15926 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 15927 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 15928 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15929 15930 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15931 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15932 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15933 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

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15942 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 15943 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15944 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15945 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 15946 15947 performance of all duties required by this section to be 15948 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15949 interest thereon.

15950 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15951 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15952 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15953 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15954 15955 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15956 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15957 of securing the deposit of public funds.

15958 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 15959 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 15960 Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 623 15961 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 15962 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 15963 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15964 (16)15965 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15966 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15967 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15968 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15969 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15970 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15971 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15972 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15973 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15974 thereof.

15975 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15976 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15977 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15978 any existing law of this state.

15979 SECTION 82. (1) As used in this section, the following 15980 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15981 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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15986 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 15987 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 15988 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 15990 (C) 15991 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 15992 Town of Hickory Flat Road Improvements Fund," is created within 15993 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 15994 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 15995 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 15996 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15997 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15998 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Hickory Flat.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

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16014 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16015 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16016 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16017 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16018 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16019 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16020 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16021 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16022 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16023 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16024 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16025 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16026 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16027 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16028 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16029 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16030 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars 16031 (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 16032

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 16034 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 16035 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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16038 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)16039 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16040 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 16041 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16042 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16043 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16044 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16045 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16046 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16047 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16048 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16049 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16050 commission.

16051 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16052 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16053 16054 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16055 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16056 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16057 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16058 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16059 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16060 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 16061 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16062 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16063 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16064 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16065 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16066 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16067 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16068 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16075 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16076 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16077 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16078 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16079 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16080 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16081 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16082 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16083 16084 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16085

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16086 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16087 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16088 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16089 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

16090 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16091 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16092 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16093 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16094 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16095 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

16101 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16102 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16103 16104 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16105 16106 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16107 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16108 16109 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 16110

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 629 16111 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 16112 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16113 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16114 16115 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16116 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16117 16118 bonds.

16119 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)16120 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16121 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16122 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16123 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16124 16125 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16126 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16127 majority of its members.

16128 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16129 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16130 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16131 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16132 16133 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16134 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 16135 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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16136 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 16137 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16138 16139 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 16140 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16141 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16142 16143 interest thereon.

16144 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16145 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16146 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16147 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16148 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16149 16150 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16151 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16152 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16153 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16154 Mississippi.

16155 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16156 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16157 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

16158 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16159 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16160 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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16161 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16162 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16163 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16164 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16165 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16166 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16167 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16168 thereof.

16169 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16170 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16171 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16172 any existing law of this state.

16173 SECTION 83. (1) As used in this section, the following 16174 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16175 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

16183(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.16184(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 632 R3/5 16185 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 16186 Marshall County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 16187 16188 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 16189 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 16190 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16191 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 16192 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacement of the Bethleham Waterford Bridge over Tippah River in Marshall County.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 16198 (b) 16199 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16200 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16201 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16202 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16203 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16204 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16205 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16206 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16207 directed by the commission.

16208 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16209 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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16210 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16211 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16212 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16213 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16214 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16215 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16216 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16217 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16218 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16219 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16220 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16221 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16222 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16223 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16224 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 16225 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 16226 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

16232 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
16233 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
16234 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
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16235 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16236 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16237 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16238 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16239 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16240 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16241 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16242 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16243 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16244 commission.

16245 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16246 16247 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 16248 The interest 16249 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16250 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16251 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16252 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16253 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16254 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16255 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16256 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16257 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16258 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16259 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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16260 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16261 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16262 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16269 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16270 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16271 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16272 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16273 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16274 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16275 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16276 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16277 16278 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16279 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16280 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16281 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16282 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 16283

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16284 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16285 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16286 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16287 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16288 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16289 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

16295 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16296 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16297 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16298 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16299 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16300 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16301 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16302 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16303 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16304 this subsection.

16305 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 16306 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16307 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16308 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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16309 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16310 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16311 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16312 bonds.

16313 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 16314 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16315 16316 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16317 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16318 16319 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16320 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16321 majority of its members.

16322 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)16323 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16324 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16325 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16326 16327 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16328 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16329 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 16330 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)

16331 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 16332 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16333 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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16334 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16335 performance of all duties required by this section to be 16336 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16337 interest thereon.

16338 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16339 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16340 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16341 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16342 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16343 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16344 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16345 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16346 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16347 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16348 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the

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16359 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16360 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16361 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16362 thereof.

16363 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16364 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16365 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16366 any existing law of this state.

16367 **SECTION 84.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16368 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16369 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

16377 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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16378 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

16379 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Hattiesburg Infrastructure Improvements Fund," is created 16380 16381 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 16382 16383 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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16384 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16385 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 16386 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the
Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads,
bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention,
land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.

16394 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 16395 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16396 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16397 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16398 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16399 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16400 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16401 16402 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16403 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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16409 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16410 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16411 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16412 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16413 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16414 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16415 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16416 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16417 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16418 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16419 16420 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 16421 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 16422 after July 1, 2025.

(b) 16423 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 16424 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 16425 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 16426 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 16427 bonds.

16428 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)16429 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 16430 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16431 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16432

16433 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 642

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16434 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16435 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16436 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16437 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16438 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16439 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16440 commission.

16441 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16442 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16443 16444 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16445 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16446 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16447 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16448 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16449 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16450 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16451 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16452 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16453 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16454 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16455 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16456 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16457 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 16458

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(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16465 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)16466 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16467 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16468 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16469 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16470 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16471 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16472 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16473 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16474 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16475 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16476 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16477 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16478 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16479 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16480 16481 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16482 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16483 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

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16484 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16485 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

16491 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16492 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16493 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16494 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16495 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16496 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16497 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16498 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16499 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16500 this subsection.

16501 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 16502 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16503 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16504 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16505 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16506 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16507 16508 bonds.

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16509 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16510 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16511 16512 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16513 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 16514 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16515 16516 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16517 majority of its members.

16518 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16519 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16520 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16521 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 16522 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16523 16524 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16525 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

16533 interest thereon.

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16534 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16535 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16536 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16537 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16538 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16539 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16540 16541 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

16545 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16546 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16547 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16548 (16)16549 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16550 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 16551 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16552 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16553 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16554 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16555 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16556 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16557 16558 thereof.

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16559 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16560 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16561 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16562 any existing law of this state.

16563 **SECTION 85.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16564 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16565 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 16574 (C) 16575 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Noxubee County Emergency Operations Center Fund, " is created 16576 16577 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 16578 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 16579 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 16580 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16581 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 16582

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16583 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 16584 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying 16585 costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a 16586 16587 county emergency operations center and related facilities.

16588 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16589 16590 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16591 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16592 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16593 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16594 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16595 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16596 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16597 directed by the commission.

16598 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16599 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16600 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16601 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16602 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16603 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16604 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16605 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16606 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16607

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16608 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16609 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16610 16611 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16612 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16613 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16614 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 16615 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 16616 July 1, 2025.

16617 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 16618 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 16619 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 16620 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 16621 bonds.

16622 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 16623 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16624 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16625 16626 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16627 16628 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16629 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16630 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16631 16632 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in

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16633 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16634 commission.

16635 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 16636 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16637 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16638 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16639 16640 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16641 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16642 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16643 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16644 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16645 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16646 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16647 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16648 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16649 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16650 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16651 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16652 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

16657 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 16658 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16659 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)16660 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16661 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16662 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16663 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16664 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16665 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16666 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16667 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16668 16669 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16670 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16671 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16672 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16673 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

16674 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16675 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16676 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16677 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16678 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16679 commission.

16680 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 16681 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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16682 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 16683 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 16684 dates named therein.

16685 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16686 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16687 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16688 16689 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16690 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16691 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16692 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16693 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16694 this subsection.

16695 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 16696 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16697 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16698 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16699 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16700 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16701 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16702 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 653 R3/5 16707 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 16708 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16709 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16710 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16711 majority of its members.

16712 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16713 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16714 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16715 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16716 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16717 16718 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16719 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

16720 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)16721 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 16722 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16723 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16724 16725 performance of all duties required by this section to be 16726 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16727 interest thereon.

16728 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16729 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16730 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16731 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

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16732 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16733 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16734 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16735 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16736 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16737 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16738 Mississippi.

16739 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16740 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16741 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

16742 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16743 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16744 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 16745 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16746 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16747 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16748 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16749 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16750 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16751 16752 thereof.

16753 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16754 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16755 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16756 any existing law of this state.

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16757 SECTION 86. (1) As used in this section, the following 16758 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16759 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

16768 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)16769 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 16770 City of Morton Road Improvements Fund," is created within the 16771 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 16772 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 16773 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 16774 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16775 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 16776 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and 16781 improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and 16782 surrounding areas in the City of Morton.

16783 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 16784 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16785 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16786 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16787 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16788 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16789 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16790 16791 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16792 directed by the commission.

16793 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 16794 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16795 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16796 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16797 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16798 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16799 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16800 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16801 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16802 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16803 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16804 16805 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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16806 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16807 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16808 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16809 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 16810 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 16811 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

16817 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 16818 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16819 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16820 16821 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16822 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16823 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16824 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16825 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16826 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16827 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16828 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16829 commission.

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16830 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16831 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16832 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16833 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16834 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16835 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16836 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16837 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16838 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16839 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16840 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16841 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16842 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16843 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16844 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16845 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16846 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16847 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16854 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16855 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16856 16857 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16858 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16859 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16860 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16861 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16862 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16863 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16864 16865 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16866 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16867 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16868 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

16869 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16870 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16871 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16872 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16873 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16874 commission.

16875 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 16876 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 16877 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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16878 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 16879 dates named therein.

16880 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 16881 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16882 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16883 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16884 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16885 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16886 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16887 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16888 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16889 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 16890 (9) 16891 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16892 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16893 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16894 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16895 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16896 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16897 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 661 R3/5 16903 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16904 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16905 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16906 majority of its members.

16907 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16908 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16909 16910 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 16911 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16912 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16913 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16914 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

16915 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)16916 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 16917 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16918 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 16919 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 16920 16921 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16922 interest thereon.

16923 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16924 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16925 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16926 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16927 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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16928 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16929 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16930 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16931 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16932 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16933 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16937 (16)16938 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16939 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16940 16941 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16942 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16943 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16944 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16945 16946 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16947 thereof.

16948 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16949 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16950 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16951 any existing law of this state.

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16952 **SECTION 87.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16953 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16954 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

16963 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)16964 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 16965 Scenic Rivers Development Alliance and Land Acquisition 16966 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 16967 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 16968 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 16969 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 16970 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 16971 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 16972 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in paying costs associated with the acquisition of approximately one 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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16977 hundred fifty (150) acres of land from the United States 16978 Department of Agriculture and located in Franklin County, 16979 Mississippi, and related road and other infrastructure 16980 improvements, including the repayment of debt incurred by Scenic 16981 Rivers Development Alliance for such purposes before the effective 16982 date of this act.

16983 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 16984 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16985 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16986 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16987 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16988 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16989 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16990 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16991 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16992 directed by the commission.

16993 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16994 16995 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16996 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16997 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16998 16999 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17000 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17001 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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17002 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17003 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 17004 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 17005 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 17006 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 17007 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 17008 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred 17009 17010 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued 17011 under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

17017 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17018 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17019 17020 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17021 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17022 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17023 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17024 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17025 17026 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 666 R3/5

17027 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17028 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17029 commission.

17030 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17031 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 17032 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17033 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17034 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17035 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17036 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17037 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17038 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17039 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17040 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17041 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17042 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17043 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17044 17045 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17046 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17047 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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17052 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 17053 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

17054 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17055 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 17056 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17057 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17058 17059 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 17060 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17061 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17062 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17063 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 17064 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17065 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17066 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17067 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17068 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17069 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17070 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less 17071 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 17072 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17073 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17074 commission.

17075The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of17076this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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17080 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17081 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17082 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17083 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17084 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17085 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17086 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17087 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17088 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17089 this subsection.

17090 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17091 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17092 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17093 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17094 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17095 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17096 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17097 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 669 R3/5 17102 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17103 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17104 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17105 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17106 majority of its members.

17107 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 17108 17109 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17110 17111 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17112 17113 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17114 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17115 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17116 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17117 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17118 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17119 17120 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17121 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17122 interest thereon.

17123 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17124 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17125 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17126 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

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17127 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17128 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17129 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17130 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

17137 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17138 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17139 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17140 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17141 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17142 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17143 17144 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17145 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17146 17147 thereof.

17148 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 17149 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 17150 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 17151 any existing law of this state.

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17152 SECTION 88. (1) As used in this section, the following 17153 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17154 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 17163 (C) 17164 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) Pike County Courthouse Complex Repair and Renovation Fund," is 17165 17166 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 17167 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 17168 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 17169 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 17170 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 17171

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and

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17176 improvements to the Pike County Courthouse Complex buildings and 17177 related facilities.

17178 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17179 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17180 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17181 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17182 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17183 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17184 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17185 17186 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17187 directed by the commission.

17188 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17189 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17190 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17191 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17192 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17193 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17194 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17195 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17196 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17197 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17198 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 17199 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 17200 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

17212 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17213 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17214 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17215 17216 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17217 17218 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17219 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17220 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17221 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17222 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17223 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17224 commission.

17225 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17226 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 17227 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17228 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17229 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17230 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17231 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17232 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17233 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17234 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17235 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17236 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17237 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17238 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17239 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17240 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17241 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 17242

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

17249 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17250 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17251 17252 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17253 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17254 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17255 17256 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17257 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17258 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17259 17260 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17261 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17262 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17263 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17264 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17265 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less 17266 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 17267 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17268 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17269 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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17273 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 17274 dates named therein.

17275 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 17276 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17277 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17278 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17279 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17280 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17281 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17282 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17283 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17284 this subsection.

17285 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17286 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17287 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17288 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17289 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17290 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17291 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17292 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 677 R3/5 17298 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17299 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17300 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17301 majority of its members.

17302 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 17303 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17304 17305 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17306 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17307 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17308 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17309 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17310 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17311 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17312 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17313 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17314 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 17315 17316 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17317 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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17323 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17324 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17325 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

17332 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17333 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17334 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17335 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17336 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17337 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17338 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17339 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17340 17341 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17342 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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17347 SECTION 89. (1) As used in this section, the following 17348 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17349 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17358 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

17359 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 17360 Marion County Courthouse Square Fund," is created within the State 17361 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 17362 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 17363 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 17364 17365 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 17366 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and

17371 improvements to streets and roads and other infrastructure 17372 improvements to and near the Marion County Courthouse Square.

17373 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 17374 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17375 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17376 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17377 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17378 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17379 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17380 17381 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17382 directed by the commission.

17383 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17384 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17385 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17386 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17387 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17388 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17389 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17390 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17391 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17392 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17393 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17394 17395 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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17396 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17397 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 17398 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17399 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 17400 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 17401 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

17407 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17408 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17409 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17410 17411 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17412 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17413 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17414 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17415 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17416 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17417 17418 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17419 commission.

17420 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17421 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 17422 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17423 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17424 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17425 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17426 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17427 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17428 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17429 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17430 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17431 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17432 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17433 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17434 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17435 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17436 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 17437

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

17444 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17445 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17446 17447 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17448 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17449 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17450 17451 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17452 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17453 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17454 17455 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17456 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17457 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17458 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 17459

17459 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17460 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17461 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17462 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17463 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17464 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

17468 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 17469 dates named therein.

17470 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 17471 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17472 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17473 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17474 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17475 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17476 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17477 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17478 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17479 this subsection.

17480 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17481 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17482 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17483 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17484 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17485 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17486 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17487 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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17493 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17494 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17495 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17496 majority of its members.

17497 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 17498 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17499 17500 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17501 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17502 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17503 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17504 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17505 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17506 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17507 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17508 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17509 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 17510 17511 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17512 interest thereon.

17513 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17514 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17515 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17516 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17517 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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17518 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17519 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17520 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

17527 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17528 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17529 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17530 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17531 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17532 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17533 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17534 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17535 17536 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17537 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state. 17542 SECTION 90. (1) As used in this section, the following 17543 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17544 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17553 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)17554 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 17555 City of Columbia - Walter Payton Field Fund," is created within 17556 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 17557 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 17558 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 17559 17560 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 17561 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and replacement of Walter Payton Field and related facilities at Columbia High School in the City of Columbia.

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17567 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17568 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17569 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17570 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17571 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17572 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 17573 17574 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17575 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17576 directed by the commission.

17577 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17578 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17579 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17580 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17581 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17582 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17583 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17584 17585 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17586 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17587 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17588 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17589 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 17590 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17591 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

17592 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17593 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 17594 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 17595 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

17601 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17602 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17603 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17604 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17605 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17606 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17607 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17608 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17609 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17610 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17611 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17612 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17613 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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17617 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17618 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17619 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17620 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17621 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17622 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17623 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17624 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17625 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17626 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17627 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17628 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17629 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 17630 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17631 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,
determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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17642 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17643 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17644 17645 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17646 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17647 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17648 17649 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17650 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17651 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17652 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17653 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17654 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17655 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17656 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17657 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17658 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 692 R3/5 17667 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17668 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17669 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17670 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17671 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17672 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17673 this subsection.

17674 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 17675 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17676 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17677 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17678 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17679 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17680 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17681 bonds.

17682 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 17683 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 17684 17685 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 17686 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17687 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17688 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17689 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17690 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 693 17691 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)17692 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17693 17694 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17695 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17696 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17697 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17698 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17699 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 17700 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17701 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17702 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17703 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17704 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17705 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17706 interest thereon.

17707 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17708 17709 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17710 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17711 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17712 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17713 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 17714

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

17721 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)17722 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17723 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17724 17725 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17726 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17727 17728 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17729 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17730 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17731 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

17736 SECTION 91. (1) As used in this section, the following 17737 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17738 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

17746 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17747 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

17748 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 17749 City of Baldwyn Municipal Buildings Fund," is created within the 17750 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 17751 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 17752 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 17753 17754 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 17755 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation and upgrades and improvements to the city's municipal buildings and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
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17764 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17765 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17766 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17767 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17768 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 17769 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17770 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17771 directed by the commission.

17772 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 17773 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17774 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17775 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17776 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17777 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17778 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17779 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17780 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17781 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17782 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17783 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17784 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 17785 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17786 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17787 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 17788

17789 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 17790 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

17796 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17797 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17798 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17799 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17800 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17801 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17802 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17803 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17804 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17805 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17806 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17807 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17808 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

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17814 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17815 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17816 17817 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17818 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17819 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17820 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17821 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17822 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17823 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17824 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 17825 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17826 the State of Mississippi.

17827 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 17828 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 17829 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 17830 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 17831 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 17832 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

17833 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)17834 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 17835 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17836 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17837 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 17838

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17839 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17840 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17841 17842 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 17843 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17844 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17845 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17846 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 17847

17848 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17849 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17850 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17851 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17852 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17853 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

17864 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17865 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17866 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17867 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17868 this subsection.

17869 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 17870 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17871 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17872 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17873 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17874 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17875 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17876 bonds.

17877 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)17878 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 17879 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 17880 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17881 17882 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17883 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17884 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17885 majority of its members.

17886 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
17887 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
17888 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 701 R3/5 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17894 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 17895 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17896 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17897 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17898 17899 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17900 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17901 interest thereon.

17902 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17903 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17904 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17905 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17906 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17907 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17908 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17909 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi. 17913 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 17914 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 17915 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17916 (16)17917 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17918 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17919 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17920 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17921 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17922 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17923 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17924 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17925 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17926 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

17931 SECTION 92. (1) As used in this section, the following 17932 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17933 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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17938 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 17939 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 17940 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 17942 (C) 17943 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tate County Chromcraft Lake Fund," is created within the State 17944 17945 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 17946 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 17947 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 17948 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 17949 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 17950 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of infrastructure improvements and recreational trails at Chromcraft Lake in Tate County.

17957 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17958 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17959 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17960 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17961 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17962 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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17963 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 17964 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17965 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17966 directed by the commission.

17967 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17968 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17969 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17970 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17971 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17972 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17973 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17974 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17975 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17976 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17977 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17978 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17979 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17980 17981 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 17982 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17983 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 17984 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 17985

17986 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 17987 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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17991 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17992 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17993 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17994 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17995 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17996 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17997 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17998 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17999 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18000 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18001 18002 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18003 commission.

18004 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18005 18006 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18007 18008 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18009 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18010 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18011 18012 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

18013 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18014 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18015 18016 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18017 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18018 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18019 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 18020 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18021 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18028 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 18029 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18030 18031 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18032 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18033 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18034 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18035 18036 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18037

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derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

18043 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18044 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18045 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18046 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18047 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18048 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

18054 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 18055 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18056 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18057 18058 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18059 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18060 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18061

18062 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18063 this subsection.

18064 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 18065 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18066 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18067 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18068 18069 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18070 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18071 bonds.

18072 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18073 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 18074 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 18075 Anv 18076 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18077 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18078 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18079 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18080 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 18087 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18088 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18089 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18090 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18091 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18092 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 18093 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 18094 performance of all duties required by this section to be 18095 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18096 interest thereon.

18097 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18098 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18099 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18100 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18101 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18102 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18103 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 18104

18105 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18106 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18107 Mississippi.

18108 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 18109 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 18110 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

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18111 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18112 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 18113 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18114 18115 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18116 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18117 18118 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18119 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18120 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18121 thereof.

18122 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18123 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18124 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18125 any existing law of this state.

18126 SECTION 93. (1) As used in this section, the following 18127 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18128 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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18136 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 18137 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18138 (a) (i) Attala County Courthouse Fund," is created within the State 18139 18140 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18141 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18142 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 18143 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18144 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 18145 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

18146 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 18147 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 18148 Administration, to assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying 18149 costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and 18150 improvements to the Attala County Courthouse.

18151 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 18152 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18153 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18154 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18155 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18156 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18157 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18158 18159 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 18160

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 712 R3/5 18161 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 18162 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18163 18164 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18165 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18166 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18167 18168 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18169 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18170 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18171 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18172 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18173 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18174 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18175 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18176 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18177 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 18178 18179 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 18181 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 18182 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 18183 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 18184 bonds. 18185 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18186 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18187 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18188 18189 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18190 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18191 18192 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18193 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18194 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18195 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18196 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18197 commission.

18198 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18199 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18200 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18201 18202 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18203 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18204 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18205 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18206 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18207 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18208 18209 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18222 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18223 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18224 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18225 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18226 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18227 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18228 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18229 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18230 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18231 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 18232 18233 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18234 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 715 R3/5 18235 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18236 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

18237 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18238 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18239 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18240 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18241 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18242 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18248 (8) 18249 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18250 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18251 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18252 18253 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18254 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18255 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18256 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18257 this subsection.

18258 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18259 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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18260 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18261 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18262 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18263 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18264 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18265 bonds.

18266 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)18267 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 18268 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18269 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18270 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18271 18272 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18273 18274 majority of its members.

18275 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18276 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18277 18278 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 18279 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18280 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18281 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 18282

18283 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18284 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

18291 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18292 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18293 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18294 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18295 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18296 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18297 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 18298

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

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18310 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18311 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18312 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18313 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18314 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18315 thereof.

18316 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18317 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18318 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18319 any existing law of this state.

18320 SECTION 94. (1) As used in this section, the following 18321 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18322 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

18331 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18332 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18333 City of Kosciusko - Hugh Ellard Park Fund," is created within the 18334 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

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18335 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 18336 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 18337 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 18338 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 18339 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to
Hugh Ellard Park in the City of Kosciusko.

18345 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 18346 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18347 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18348 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18349 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18350 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18351 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18352 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18353 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18354 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in
subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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18360 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18361 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18362 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18363 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18364 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18365 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18366 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18367 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18368 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18369 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18370 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 18371 18372 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 18373

(b) 18374 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 18375 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 18376 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 18377 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 18378 bonds.

18379 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)18380 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18381 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18382 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18383

18384 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 721

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18385 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18386 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18387 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18388 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18389 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18390 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18391 commission.

18392 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18393 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 18394 18395 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18396 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18397 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18398 18399 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18400 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18401 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18402 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18403 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18404 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18405 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18406 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18407 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18408 the State of Mississippi. 18409

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 18416 (7)18417 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18418 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18419 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18420 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18421 18422 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18423 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18424 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18425 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18426 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18427 18428 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18429 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18430 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18431 18432 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18433

18434 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

18435 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18436 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

18442 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18443 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18444 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18445 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18446 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18447 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18448 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18449 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18450 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18451 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18452 18453 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18454 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18455 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18456 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18457 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18458 18459 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 724 R3/5 18460 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18461 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18462 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18463 18464 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18465 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18466 18467 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18468 majority of its members.

18469 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18470 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18471 18472 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18473 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18474 18475 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18476 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

18484 interest thereon.

18485 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18486 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18487 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18488 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18489 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18490 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18491 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 18492 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18499 (16)18500 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18501 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 18502 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18503 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18504 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18505 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18506 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18507 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18508 thereof. 18509

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 18510 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18511 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18512 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18513 any existing law of this state.

18514 **SECTION 95.** (1) As used in this section, the following 18515 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18516 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 18525 (C) 18526 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Kosciusko School District Fund," is created within the State 18527 18528 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18529 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18530 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 18531 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18532 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 18533

18534 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
18535 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
18536 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with the
18537 administration, development and operation of the Kosciusko School
18538 District Pre-Kindergarten Program.

18539 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18540 18541 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18542 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18543 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18544 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18545 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18546 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18547 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18548 directed by the commission.

18549 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 18550 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18551 18552 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18553 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18554 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18555 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18556 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18557 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18558

18559 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18560 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18561 18562 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18563 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18564 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18565 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 18566 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 18567 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

18573 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18574 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18575 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18576 18577 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18578 18579 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18580 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18581 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18582 18583 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in

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18584 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18585 commission.

18586 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 18587 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18588 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 18589 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18590 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18591 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18592 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18593 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18594 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18595 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18596 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18597 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18598 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18599 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18600 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18601 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 18602 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18603 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

18608 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 18609 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18610 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18611 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18612 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18613 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18614 18615 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18616 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18617 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18618 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18619 18620 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18621 18622 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18623 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18624 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

18631The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of18632this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

18633 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 18634 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 18635 dates named therein.

18636 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18637 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18638 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18639 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18640 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18641 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18642 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18643 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18644 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18645 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18646 (9) 18647 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18648 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18649 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18650 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18651 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18652 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18653 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 732 R3/5 18658 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18659 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18660 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18661 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18662 majority of its members.

18663 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18664 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 18665 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18666 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18667 18668 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18669 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18670 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18671 (12)18672 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18673 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18674 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 18675 18676 performance of all duties required by this section to be 18677 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18678 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 733 R3/5 18683 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18684 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18685 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 18686 of securing the deposit of public funds.

18687 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18688 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18689 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

18693 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18694 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18695 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 18696 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18697 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18698 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18699 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18700 18701 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18702 18703 thereof.

18704 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18705 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18706 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18707 any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 734 R3/5 18708 **SECTION 96.** (1) As used in this section, the following 18709 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18710 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

18719 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)18720 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Leake County - HooperMill Creek Road Fund," is created within the 18721 18722 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 18723 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 18724 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 18725 18726 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 18727 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying
costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
improvements to Hooper Mill Creek Road in Leake County.

18733 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 18734 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18735 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18736 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18737 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18738 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18739 18740 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18741 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18742 directed by the commission.

18743 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 18744 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 18745 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18746 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18747 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18748 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18749 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18750 18751 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18752 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18753 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18754 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18755 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18756 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18757 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

18758 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18759 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 18760 Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 18761 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

18767 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18768 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18769 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18770 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18771 18772 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18773 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18774 18775 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18776 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18777 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18778 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18779 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18781 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18782 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

18783 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18784 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18785 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18786 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18787 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18788 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18789 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18790 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18791 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18792 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18793 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18794 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18795 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 18796 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18797 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18804 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
18805 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,
18806 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
18807 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

18808 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18809 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18810 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18811 18812 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18813 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18814 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 18815 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18816 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18817 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18818 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

18830 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section
18831 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the
18832 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 739 R3/5 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

18840 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18841 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18842 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18843 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18844 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18845 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18846 18847 bonds.

18848 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18849 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18850 18851 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18852 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18853 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18854 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18855 18856 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 740 18857 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 18858 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18859 18860 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 18861 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18862 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18863 18864 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18865 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18866 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18867 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18868 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 18869 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 18870 18871 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18872 interest thereon.

18873 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18874 18875 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18876 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18877 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18878 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18879 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 18880

18881 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18882 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18883 Mississippi.

18884 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 18885 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 18886 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

18887 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)18888 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18889 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18890 18891 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18892 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18893 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18894 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18895 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18896 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18897 thereof.

18898 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18899 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18900 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18901 any existing law of this state.

18902 SECTION 97. (1) As used in this section, the following 18903 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18904 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

18912 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

18913 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18914 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18915 Tunica County - Battle Arena Fund," is created within the State 18916 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18917 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18918 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18919 18920 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 18921 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying
costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and
improvements to Battle Arena.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

18930 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18931 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18932 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18933 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18934 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18935 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18936 directed by the commission.

18937 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 18938 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 18939 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18940 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18941 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18942 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18943 18944 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18945 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18946 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18947 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18948 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18949 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18950 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18951 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18952 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 18953

18954 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 18955 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 18957 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 18958 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 18959 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 18960 bonds.

18961 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18962 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18963 18964 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18965 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18966 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18967 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18968 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18969 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18970 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18971 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18972 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18973 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 745 R3/5 18979 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18980 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18981 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18982 18983 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18984 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18985 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18986 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18987 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18988 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18989 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 18990 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18991 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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19004 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19005 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19006 19007 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 19008 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19009 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19010 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19011 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19012 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19013 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19014 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19015 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19016 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19017 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19018 commission.

19019 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19020 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19021 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 19022 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 19023 dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 19029 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19030 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19031 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19032 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19033 this subsection.

19034 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19035 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 19036 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19037 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19038 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19039 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19040 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19041 bonds.

19042 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)19043 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 19044 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19045 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 19046 19047 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19048 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19049 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19050 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

19054 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19055 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19056 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19057 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19058 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19059 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19060 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 19061 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19062 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19063 19064 performance of all duties required by this section to be 19065 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19066 interest thereon.

19067 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19068 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19069 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19070 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19071 19072 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19073 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19074 of securing the deposit of public funds.

19075 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 19076 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 19077 Mississippi. 19078 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 19079 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 19080 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19081 (16)19082 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19083 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19084 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19085 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19086 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19087 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19088 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19089 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19090 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19091 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

19096 SECTION 98. (1) As used in this section, the following 19097 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19098 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 19107 (C) 19108 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Itawamba School District Fund," is created within the State 19109 19110 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19111 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19112 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19113 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 19114 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19115 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

19116 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 19117 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 19118 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair 19119 and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Itawamba County 19120 School District buildings and facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described
in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,
abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

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19128 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19129 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19130 directed by the commission.

19131 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 19132 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19133 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19134 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19135 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19136 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19137 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19138 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19139 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19140 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19141 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19142 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19143 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19144 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19145 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19146 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19147 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 19148 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 19149 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
19151 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
19152 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19155 (4)19156 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19157 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19158 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19159 19160 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19161 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19162 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19163 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19164 19165 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19166 19167 commission.

19168 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19169 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19170 19171 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19172 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19173 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19174 19175 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19176 19177 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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19178 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19179 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19180 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19181 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19182 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19183 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 19184 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19185 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Ommercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

19192 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19193 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19194 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19195 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19196 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19197 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19198 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19199 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19200 19201 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19202

19203 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19204 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19205 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19206 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19207 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19208 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19209 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19210 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19211 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19212 commission.

19213 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19214 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19215 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 19216 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 19217 dates named therein.

19218 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19219 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19220 19221 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19222 19223 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19224 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19225 19226 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 19227

19228 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 19229 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19230 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19231 19232 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19233 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19234 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19235 bonds.

19236 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)19237 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 19238 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19239 19240 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19241 19242 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19243 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19244 majority of its members.

19245 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 19246 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 19247 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19248 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19249 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19250 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19251 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 19252

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19253 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19254 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19255 19256 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19257 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19258 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19259 19260 interest thereon.

19261 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19262 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19263 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19264 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19265 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19266 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19267 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19268 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

19275 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19276 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19277 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 757 R3/5 19278 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19279 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19280 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19281 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19282 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19283 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19284 19285 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

19290 SECTION 99. (1) As used in this section, the following 19291 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19292 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

19300(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.19301(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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19302 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Itawamba County - 911 Center Fund," is created within the State 19303 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19304 Treasurv. 19305 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19306 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19307 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19308 19309 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping of a county 911 center.

19315 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19316 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19317 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19318 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19319 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19320 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19321 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19322 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19323 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19324 directed by the commission.

19325 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 19326 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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19327 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19328 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19329 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19330 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19331 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19332 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19333 19334 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19335 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19336 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19337 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19338 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19339 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19340 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 19341 19342 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 19343 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 19345 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 19346 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 19347 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 19348 bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
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19352 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19353 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19354 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19355 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19356 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19357 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19358 19359 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19360 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19361 commission.

19362 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19363 19364 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 19365 The interest 19366 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19367 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19368 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19369 19370 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19371 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19372 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19373 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19374 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19375 19376 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

19377 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 19378 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19379 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

19386 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19387 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19388 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19389 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19390 19391 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19392 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19393 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19394 19395 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 19396 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19397 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19398 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19399 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 19400

19401 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19402 19403 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19404 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19405 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19406 commission.

19407 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19408 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19409 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 19410 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein. 19411

19412 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19413 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19414 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19415 19416 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19417 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19418 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19419 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19420 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19421 this subsection.

19422 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 19423 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19424 19425 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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19426 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19427 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19428 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19429 bonds.

19430 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 19431 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 19432 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19433 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19434 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19435 19436 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19437 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19438 majority of its members.

19439 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)19440 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 19441 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19442 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19443 19444 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19445 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19446 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19447 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19448 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 19449 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19450 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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19451 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19452 performance of all duties required by this section to be 19453 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19454 interest thereon.

19455 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19456 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19457 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19458 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19459 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19460 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19461 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19462 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

19466 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 19467 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 19468 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

19469 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19470 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19471 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19472 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19473 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19474 19475 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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5)FI (H)WM R3/5 19476 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19477 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19478 thereof. 19479

19480 (17)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19481 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 19482 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19483 any existing law of this state.

19484 SECTION 100. (1) As used in this section, the following 19485 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19486 clearly requires otherwise:

19487 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 19488 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 19489 19490 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 19491 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 19492 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 19493 maturity.

19494 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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19496 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 19497 City of Fulton Natural Gas System Fund," is created within the 19498 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 19499 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 19500 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in

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19501 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 19502 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 19503 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of the city's natural gas system and related infrastructure.

19509 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19510 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19511 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19512 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19513 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19514 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19515 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19516 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19517 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 19518

19519 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 19520 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19521 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19522 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19523 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19524 19525 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

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19526 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19527 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19528 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19529 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19530 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19531 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19532 19533 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19534 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 19535 19536 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 19537

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

19543 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19544 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19545 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19546 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19547 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19548 19549 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19550 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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19551 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19552 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19553 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19554 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19555 commission.

19556 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19557 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19558 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19559 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19560 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19561 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19562 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19563 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19564 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19565 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19566 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19567 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19568 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19569 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19570 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19571 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 19572 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19573 the State of Mississippi.

19574 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 19575 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 769 R3/5 19576 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 19577 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 19578 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 19579 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

19580 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19581 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19582 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19583 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19584 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19585 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19586 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19587 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19588 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19589 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19590 19591 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19592 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19593 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19594 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19595 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19596 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19597 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19598 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

19599 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19600 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI PAGE 770 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

19606 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19607 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19608 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19609 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19610 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19611 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19612 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19613 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19614 19615 this subsection.

19616 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19617 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19618 19619 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19620 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19621 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19622 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19623 bonds.

19624 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 19625 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 771 R3/5 19626 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19627 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19628 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 19629 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19630 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19631 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19632 majority of its members.

19633 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)19634 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19635 19636 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19637 19638 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19639 19640 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19641 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19642 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19643 19644 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19645 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19646 performance of all duties required by this section to be 19647 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19648 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
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19651 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19652 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19653 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19654 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19655 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19656 of securing the deposit of public funds.

19657 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 19658 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 19659 Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

19663 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)19664 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19665 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19666 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19667 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19668 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19669 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19670 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19671 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19672 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19673 thereof.

19674 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19675 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 773 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 19676 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19677 any existing law of this state.

19678 **SECTION 101.** (1) As used in this section, the following 19679 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19680 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

19689 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2)19690 (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 19691 Long Beach School District Fund," is created within the State 19692 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19693 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19694 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19695 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 19696 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19697 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with

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19701 construction, furnishing and equipping of a technology education 19702 center for the Long Beach School District.

19703 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19704 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19705 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19706 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19707 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19708 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19709 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19710 19711 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19712 directed by the commission.

19713 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 19714 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19715 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19716 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19717 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19718 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19719 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19720 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19721 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19722 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19723 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19724 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19725

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19726 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19727 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19728 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19729 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 19730 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 19731 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

19737 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19738 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19739 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19740 19741 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19742 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19743 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19744 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19745 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19746 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19747 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19748 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19749 commission.

19750 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19751 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19752 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19753 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19754 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19755 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19756 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19757 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19758 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19759 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19760 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19761 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19762 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19763 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19764 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19765 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 19766 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19767 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

19774 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19775 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19776 19777 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19778 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19779 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19780 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19781 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19782 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19783 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19784 19785 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19786 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19787 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19788 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19789 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19790 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19791 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19792 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19793 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19794 commission.

19795 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19796 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19797 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

19798 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 19799 dates named therein.

19800 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19801 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19802 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19803 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19804 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19805 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19806 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19807 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19808 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 19809

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19810 (9) 19811 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 19812 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19813 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19814 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19815 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19816 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19817 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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19823 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19824 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19825 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19826 majority of its members.

19827 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 19828 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 19829 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19830 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19831 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19832 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19833 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 19834

19835 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 19836 19837 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19838 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19839 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 19840 19841 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19842 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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19848 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19849 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19850 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19857 (16)19858 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19859 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19860 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19861 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19862 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19863 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19864 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19865 19866 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19867 thereof.

19868 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19869 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 19870 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19871 any existing law of this state.

19872 SECTION 102. (1) As used in this section, the following 19873 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19874 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

19883 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)19884 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 19885 Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within the 19886 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 19887 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 19888 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 19889 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 19890 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 19891 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new firehouse for the Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department in Alcorn County, Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 782 R3/5 19897 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19898 19899 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19900 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19901 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19902 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19903 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19904 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19905 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19906 directed by the commission.

19907 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19908 19909 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19910 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19911 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19912 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19913 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19914 19915 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19916 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19917 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19918 19919 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19920 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19921

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 19922 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19923 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 19924 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 19925 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 19927 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 19928 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 19929 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 19930 bonds.

19931 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19932 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19933 19934 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19935 19936 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19937 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19938 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19939 19940 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19941 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19942 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19943 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19945 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19946 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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19947 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19948 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19949 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19950 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19951 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19952 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19953 19954 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19955 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19956 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19957 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19958 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19959 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 19960 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19961 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 785 R3/5 19972 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19973 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19974 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19975 19976 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19977 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19978 19979 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19980 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19981 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19982 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19983 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19984 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19985 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19986 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19987 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19988 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 786 R3/5 19997 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19998 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19999 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20000 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20001 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20002 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20003 this subsection.

20004 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20005 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 20006 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20007 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20008 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20009 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20010 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20011 bonds.

20012 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 20013 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20014 20015 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20016 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20017 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20018 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20019 majority of its members. 20020

20021 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20022 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20023 20024 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20025 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20026 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20027 20028 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20029 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20030 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 20031 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20032 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20033 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 20034 20035 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20036 interest thereon.

20037 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20038 20039 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20040 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 20041 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20042 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20043 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 20044

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20051 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20052 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20053 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20054 20055 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20056 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20057 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20058 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20059 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20060 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20061 thereof.

20062 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20063 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 20064 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20065 any existing law of this state.

20066 **SECTION 103.** (1) As used in this section, the following 20067 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20068 clearly requires otherwise: (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

20076 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

20077 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

20078 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20079 City of Gautier Amphitheater/Museum Fund," is created within the 20080 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 20081 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 20082 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 20083 20084 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 20085 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of an amphitheater and a song writers' museum.

20091 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 20092 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20093 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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20094 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20095 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20096 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20097 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 20098 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20099 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20100 directed by the commission.

20101 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 20102 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20103 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20104 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20105 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20106 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20107 20108 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20109 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20110 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20111 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20112 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20113 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20114 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20115 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20116 under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 20117

20118 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 20119 after July 1, 2025.

20120 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 20121 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 20122 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 20123 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 20124 bonds.

20125 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 20126 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20127 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20128 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20129 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20130 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20131 20132 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20133 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20134 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20135 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20136 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20137 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20143 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20144 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 20145 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20146 20147 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20148 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20149 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20150 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20151 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20152 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20153 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20154 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20155 the State of Mississippi.

20156 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 20157 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 20158 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 20159 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 20160 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 20161 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

20162 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)20163 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20164 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20165 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20166 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20167

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20168 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20169 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20170 20171 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20172 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20173 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20174 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20175 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20176 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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20193 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20194 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20195 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20196 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20197 this subsection.

20198 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 20199 20200 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20201 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20202 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20203 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20204 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20205 bonds.

20206 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20207 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20208 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20209 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20210 20211 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20212 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20213 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20214 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 795 R3/5 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20223 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20224 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 20225 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20226 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20227 20228 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20229 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20230 interest thereon.

20231 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20232 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20233 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20234 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20235 20236 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20237 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20238 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi. 20242 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 20243 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 20244 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20245 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20246 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20247 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20248 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20249 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20250 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20251 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20252 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20253 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20254 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20255 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

20260 **SECTION 104.** (1) As used in this section, the following 20261 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20262 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 20271 (C) 20272 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20273 City of Laurel Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 20274 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 20275 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 20276 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 20277 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 20278 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 20279 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of a park and walking trail.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

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20292 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20293 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20294 directed by the commission.

20295 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 20296 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20297 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20298 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20299 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20300 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20301 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20302 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20303 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20304 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20305 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20306 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20307 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20308 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20309 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20310 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20311 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 20312 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 20313

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 20315 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 20316 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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20319 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)20320 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20321 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20322 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20323 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20324 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20325 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20326 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20327 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20328 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20329 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20330 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20331 commission.

20332 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20333 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20334 20335 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20336 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20337 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20338 20339 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20340 20341 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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20342 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20343 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20344 20345 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20346 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20347 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20348 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20349 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

20356 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20357 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20358 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20359 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20360 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20361 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20362 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20363 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20364 20365 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20366 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

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20367 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20368 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20369 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20370 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

20382 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20383 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20384 20385 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20386 20387 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20388 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20389 20390 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 20391

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20392 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 20393 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20394 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20395 20396 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20397 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20398 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20399 bonds.

20400 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20401 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20402 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20403 20404 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20405 20406 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20407 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20408 majority of its members.

20409 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20410 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20411 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20412 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20413 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20414 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20415 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 20416 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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20417 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20418 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20419 20420 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20421 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20422 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20423 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20424 interest thereon.

20425 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20426 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20427 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20428 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 20429 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20430 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20431 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20432 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20439 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further20440 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and20441 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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20442 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20443 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20444 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20445 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20446 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20447 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20448 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20449 thereof.

20450 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20451 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 20452 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20453 any existing law of this state.

20454 **SECTION 105.** (1) As used in this section, the following 20455 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20456 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

20464(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.20465(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 805 R3/5 20466 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 20467 Town of D'Lo Fire Station Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 20468 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20469 20470 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 20471 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20472 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20473 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a fire station.

20478 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 20479 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20480 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20481 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20482 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20483 20484 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 20485 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20486 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20487 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
20489 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
20490 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 806 R3/5 20491 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20492 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20493 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20494 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20495 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20496 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20497 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20498 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20499 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20500 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20501 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20502 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20503 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20504 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 20505 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 20506 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates

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20516 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20517 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20518 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20519 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20520 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20521 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20522 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20523 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20524 commission.

20525 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20526 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20527 20528 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20529 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20530 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20531 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20532 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20533 20534 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20535 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20536 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20537 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20538 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20539 bear. 20540 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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20541 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20542 the State of Mississippi.

20543 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 20544 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 20545 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 20546 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 20547 20548 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

20549 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)20550 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20551 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20552 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20553 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20554 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20555 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20556 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 20557 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20558 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20559 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20560 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20561 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20562 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20563 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

20564 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 20565 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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20566 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 20567 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 20568 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 20569 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

20575 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20576 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20577 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20578 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20579 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20580 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20581 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20582 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20583 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20584 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

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20591 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20592 bonds.

20593 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20594 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20595 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20596 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 20597 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20598 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20599 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20600 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20601 majority of its members.

20602 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)20603 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20604 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20605 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20606 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20607 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20608 20609 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20610 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20611 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20612 20613 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20614 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20615

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20616 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20617 interest thereon.

20618 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20619 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20620 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20621 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20622 20623 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20624 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20625 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20632 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20633 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20634 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20635 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20636 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20637 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20638 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20639 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20640 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 812 R3/5

20641 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20642 thereof.

20643 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20644 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 20645 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20646 any existing law of this state.

20647 SECTION 106. (1) As used in this section, the following 20648 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20649 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

20657 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 20658 (C) 20659 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 20660 Tate County - Courthouse Fund, " is created within the State 20661 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 20662 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20663 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20664

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 813 20665 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20666 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

20667 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 20668 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 20669 Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying 20670 costs associated with parking lot reconstruction for the Tate 20671 County Courthouse.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 20672 (b) 20673 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20674 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20675 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20676 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20677 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20678 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20679 20680 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20681 directed by the commission.

20682 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 20683 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20684 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20685 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20686 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20687 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20688 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20689

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20690 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20691 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20692 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20693 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20694 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20695 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20696 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20697 20698 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 20699 Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 20700 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

20706 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 20707 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20708 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20709 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20710 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20711 20712 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20713 20714 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20715 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20716 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20717 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20718 commission.

20719 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20720 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 20721 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20722 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20723 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20724 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20725 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20726 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 20727 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20728 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20729 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20730 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20731 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20732 20733 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20734 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20735 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20736 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

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20740 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 20741 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 20742 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

20743 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20744 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20745 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20746 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20747 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20748 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20749 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20750 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20751 20752 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20753 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20754 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20755 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20756 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 20757

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

20769 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20770 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20771 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20772 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20773 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20774 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20775 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20776 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20777 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20778 this subsection.

20779 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20780 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20781 20782 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20783 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20784 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20785 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20786 bonds.

20787 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 20788 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 818 R3/5 20789 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20790 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20791 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20792 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20793 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20794 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20795 majority of its members.

20796 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)20797 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20798 20799 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20800 20801 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20802 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20803 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20804 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20805 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20806 20807 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20808 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20809 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20810 20811 interest thereon.

20812 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20813 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

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for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20826 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20827 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20828 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20829 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20830 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20831 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20832 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20833 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20834 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20835 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20836 thereof.

20837 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20838 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 820 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20839 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20840 any existing law of this state.

20841 SECTION 107. (1) As used in this section, the following 20842 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20843 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

20852 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

20853 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20854 City of Senatobia Lighting Fund," is created within the State 20855 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20856 20857 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 20858 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20859 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20860 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

20861 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
20862 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
20863 Administration, to assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in
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20864 paying costs associated with lighting repairs at the Interstate 20865 55/Mississippi Highway 740 interchange.

20866 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 20867 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20868 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20869 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20870 20871 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20872 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20873 20874 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20875 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 20876 (3) (a) 20877 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20878 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20879 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20880 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20881 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20882 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20883 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20884 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20885 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20886 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20887 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20888

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 822 R3/5 20889 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20890 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20891 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20892 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 20893 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 20894 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

20900 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 20901 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20902 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20903 20904 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20905 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20906 20907 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20908 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20909 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20910 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20911 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20912 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 823 20913 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20914 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20915 20916 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20917 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20918 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20919 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20920 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 20921 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20922 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20923 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20924 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20925 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20926 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20927 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20928 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20929 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20930 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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20937 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20938 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20939 20940 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20941 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20942 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20943 20944 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 20945 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20946 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20947 20948 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20949 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20950 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20951 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

20958 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 20959 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 20960 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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20961 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 20962 dates named therein.

20963 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 20964 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20965 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20966 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20967 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20968 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20969 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20970 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20971 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20972 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20973 (9) 20974 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 20975 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20976 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20977 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20978 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20979 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20980 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 826 R3/5 20986 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20987 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20988 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20989 majority of its members.

20990 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20991 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20992 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20993 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20994 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20995 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20996 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20997 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20998 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)20999 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21000 21001 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21002 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21003 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21004 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21005 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21011 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21012 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21013 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21020 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 21021 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21022 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21023 21024 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21025 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21026 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21027 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21028 21029 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21030 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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21035 **SECTION 108.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21036 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21037 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

21046 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)21047 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Tate County Tate - Panola Fund," is created within the State 21048 21049 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21050 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21051 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 21052 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 21053 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21054 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing Tate - Panola Road in Tate County.

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21060 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21061 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21062 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21063 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21064 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21065 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21066 21067 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21068 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21069 directed by the commission.

21070 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 21071 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21072 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21073 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21074 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21075 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21076 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21077 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21078 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21079 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21080 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21081 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21082 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21083 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21084 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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21085 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 21086 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 21087 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 21088 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

21094 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21095 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21096 21097 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21098 21099 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21100 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21101 21102 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21103 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21104 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21105 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21106 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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21110 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21111 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21112 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21113 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21114 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21115 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21116 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21117 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21118 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21119 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21120 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21121 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21122 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 21123 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21124 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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21135 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21136 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21137 21138 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21139 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21140 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21141 21142 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21143 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21144 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21145 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 833 R3/5 21160 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21161 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21162 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21163 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21164 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21165 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21166 this subsection.

21167 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 21168 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21169 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21170 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21171 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21172 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21173 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21174 bonds.

21175 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21176 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21177 21178 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21179 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21180 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21181 21182 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 21183

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 834 21184 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)21185 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21186 21187 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 21188 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21189 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21190 21191 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21192 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21193 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21194 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21195 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21196 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 21197 21198 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21199 interest thereon.

21200 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21201 21202 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21203 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21204 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21205 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21206 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 21207

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(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 21214 (16)21215 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21216 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21217 21218 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21219 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21220 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21221 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21222 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21223 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21224 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 109. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

21239 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

21240 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21241 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 21242 U.S. Highway 51 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 21243 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 21244 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 21245 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 21246 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 21247 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 21248 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with the construction of additional lanes for U.S. Highway 51 north of Mississippi Highway 740 in Tate County, Mississippi.

21255 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 21256 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 837 21257 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21258 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21259 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21260 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21261 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21262 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21263 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21264 directed by the commission.

21265 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 21266 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21267 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21268 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21269 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21270 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21271 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21272 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21273 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21274 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21275 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21276 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21277 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21278 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21279 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 21280 under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 21281

21282 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 21283 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

21289 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21290 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 21291 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21292 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21293 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21294 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21295 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21296 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21297 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21298 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21299 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21300 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21301 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21307 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21308 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21309 21310 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21311 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21312 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21313 21314 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21315 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21316 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21317 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 21318 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21319 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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21332 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21333 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21334 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21335 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21336 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21337 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21338 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21339 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21340 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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21362 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 21363 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21364 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21365 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21366 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21367 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21368 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21369 bonds.

21370 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)21371 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21372 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21373 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21374 21375 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21376 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21377 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 21378

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

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with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21387 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21388 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21389 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21390 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21391 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21392 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21393 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21394 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21395 21396 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21397 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21398 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21399 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21400 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21401 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21402 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 843 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21409 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 21410 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21411 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 21412 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21413 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21414 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21415 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21416 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21417 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21418 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21419 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21424 **SECTION 110.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21425 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21426 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 21435 (C) 21436 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Greenwood Cemetery Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 21437 21438 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 21439 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 21440 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 21441 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 21442 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 21443 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Greenwood Cemetery Association in paying costs associated with repairs to Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 845 R3/5 21456 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21457 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21458 directed by the commission.

21459 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 21460 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21461 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21462 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21463 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21464 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21465 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21466 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21467 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21468 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21469 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21470 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21471 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21472 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21473 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 21474 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 21475 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 21476 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 21477

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 21479 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 21480 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21483 (4)21484 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 21485 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21486 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21487 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21488 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21489 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21490 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21491 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21492 21493 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21494 21495 commission.

21496 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 21497 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 21498 21499 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21500 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21501 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21502 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21503 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21504 21505 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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21506 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21507 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21508 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21509 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21510 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21511 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21512 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21513 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

21520 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21521 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21522 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21523 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 21524 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21525 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21526 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21527 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21528 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21529 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21530

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21531 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21532 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21533 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21534 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

21546 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21547 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21548 21549 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21550 21551 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21552 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21553 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21554 this subsection. 21555

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21556 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 21557 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21558 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21559 21560 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21561 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21562 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21563 bonds.

21564 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)21565 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21566 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21567 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21568 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21569 21570 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21571 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21572 majority of its members.

21573 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 21574 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21575 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21576 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 21577 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21578 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21579 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 21580 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21581 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21582 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21583 21584 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21585 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21586 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21587 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21588 interest thereon.

21589 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21590 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21591 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21592 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21593 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21594 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21595 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21596 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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21606 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21607 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21608 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21609 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21610 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21611 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21612 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21613 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21618 **SECTION 111.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21619 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21620 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 852 R3/5 21630 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) 21631 Port of Vicksburg Improvements Fund," is created within the State The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21632 Treasurv. 21633 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21634 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 21635 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21636 21637 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Warren County Port Commission in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the Port of Vicksburg in Warren County, Mississippi.

21643 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21644 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21645 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21646 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21647 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21648 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21649 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21650 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21651 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21652 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
21654 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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21655 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21656 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21657 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21658 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21659 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21660 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21661 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21662 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21663 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 21664 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 21665 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 21666 21667 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 21668 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 21669 21670 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 21671

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such

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21680 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21681 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21682 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21683 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21684 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21685 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21686 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21687 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21688 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21689 commission.

21690 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 21691 21692 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 21693 The interest 21694 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21695 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21696 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21697 21698 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21699 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21700 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21701 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21702 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21703 21704 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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21705 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21706 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21707 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

21714 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21715 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21716 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21717 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 21718 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21719 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21720 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21721 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21722 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21723 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21724 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21725 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21726 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21727 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 21728

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If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

21740 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21741 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21742 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21743 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21744 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21745 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21746 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21747 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21748 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21749 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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21754 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21755 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21756 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21757 bonds.

21758 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 21759 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21760 21761 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21762 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21763 21764 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21765 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21766 majority of its members.

21767 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)21768 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21769 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21770 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21771 21772 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21773 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21774 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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21779 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21780 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21781 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21782 interest thereon.

21783 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)21784 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21785 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21786 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21787 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21788 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21789 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21790 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21797 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21798 21799 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 21800 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21801 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21802 21803 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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21804 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21805 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21806 21807 thereof.

21808 (17)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 21809 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21810 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 21811 any existing law of this state.

21812 SECTION 112. (1) As used in this section, the following 21813 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21814 clearly requires otherwise:

21815 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 21816 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 21817 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 21818 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 21819 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 21820 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 21821 maturity.

21822 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)

21824 (d) "Project" means any enterprise that will own and 21825 operate one or more indoor hydroponic facilities (i) for which 21826 construction begins not later than January 1, 2022, (ii) which will be located in a county having a population of less than ten 21827 thousand (10,000) according the latest federal decennial census, 21828

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21829 in which eighty percent (80%) or more of such population is 21830 African-American and in which thirty percent (30%) or more of such 21831 population is at or below the federal poverty level according to 21832 the latest official data compiled by the United States Census 21833 Bureau and (iii) which will create at least thirty (30) direct 21834 jobs and twenty (20) indirect jobs not later than July 1, 2022.

21835 (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (2)(a) 21836 Hydroponic Facilities Project Fund," is created within the State 21837 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21838 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21839 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 21840 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 21841 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21842 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

21843 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 21844 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 21845 Administration, to assist the enterprise owning and operating a project in paying costs associated with construction and equipping 21846 21847 of one or more hydroponic facilities. Before disbursing any 21848 monies for such purposes, the Department of Finance and 21849 Administration shall require that binding commitments be entered 21850 into requiring that:

218511. Minimum requirements for jobs for the21852project shall be met; and

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21853 2. If such requirements are not met, all or a 21854 portion of the funds provided by the state for the project may, as 21855 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, be 21856 subject to repayment by such enterprise, together with any 21857 penalties or damages required by the department in connection 21858 therewith.

21859 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21860 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21861 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21862 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21863 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21864 21865 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21866 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21867 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21868 directed by the commission.

21869 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21870 21871 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21872 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21873 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21874 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21875 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21876 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21877 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21878 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21879 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21880 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21881 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21882 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21883 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 21884 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 21885 21886 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 21887 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

21893 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21894 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21895 21896 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21897 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21898 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21899 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21900 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21901 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21902 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 863 R3/5

21903 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21904 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21905 commission.

21906 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 21907 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 21908 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 21909 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21910 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21911 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21912 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21913 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21914 21915 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21916 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21917 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21918 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21919 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21920 21921 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21922 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21923 the State of Mississippi.

21924 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 21925 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 21926 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 21927 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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21928 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 21929 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21930 (7)21931 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21932 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21933 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21934 21935 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21936 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21937 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21938 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21939 21940 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21941 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21942 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21943 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21944 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

21951 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 21952 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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21953 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 21954 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 21955 dates named therein.

21956 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21957 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21958 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21959 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21960 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21961 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21962 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21963 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21964 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21965 this subsection.

21966 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 21967 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21968 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21969 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21970 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21971 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21972 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21973 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

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resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

21983 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 21984 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21985 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21986 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21987 21988 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21989 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21990 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21991 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)21992 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21993 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21994 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21995 21996 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21997 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21998 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 867 R3/5 22003 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 22004 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22005 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22006 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

22013 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22014 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22015 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22016 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22017 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22018 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22019 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22020 22021 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22022 22023 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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22028 **SECTION 113.** (1) As used in this section, the following 22029 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22030 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

22039 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)22040 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22041 City of Philadelphia - Philadelphia Utilities Levee System 22042 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 22043 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 22044 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 22045 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 22046 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 22047 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 22048 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs, upgrades and
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22053 improvements to the levee system protecting the Philadelphia 22054 Utilities wastewater treatment plant and related facilities.

22055 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22056 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22057 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22058 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22059 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22060 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22061 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22062 22063 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22064 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 22065 (3) (a) 22066 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22067 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22068 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22069 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22070 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22071 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22072 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22073 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22074 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22075 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22076 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22077

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issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

22089 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22090 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22091 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22092 22093 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22094 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22095 22096 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22097 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22098 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22099 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22100 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22101 commission.

22102 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22103 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22104 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22105 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22106 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22107 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22108 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22109 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22110 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22111 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22112 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22113 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22114 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22115 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22116 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22117 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22118 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22119 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

22126 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22127 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 22128 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22129 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22130 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22131 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22132 22133 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22134 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22135 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22136 22137 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22138 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22139 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22140 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 22141 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

22150 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22151 dates named therein.

22152 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 22153 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22154 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22155 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22156 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22157 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22158 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22159 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22160 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22161 this subsection.

22162 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22163 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22164 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22165 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22166 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22167 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22168 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22169 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 874 R3/5 22175 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22176 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 22177 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22178 majority of its members.

22179 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22180 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22181 22182 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22183 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22184 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22185 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22186 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22187 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22188 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22189 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22190 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22191 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22192 22193 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22194 interest thereon.

22195 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 22196 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22197 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22198 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 22199 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22209 (16)22210 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22211 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22212 22213 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22214 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22215 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22216 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22217 22218 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22219 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 114. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

22235 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)22236 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 22237 City of Pearl Bridge Construction Fund," is created within the 22238 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 22239 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 22240 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 22241 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 22242 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 22243 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and

22248 relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of 22249 Pearl, Mississippi.

22250 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22251 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22252 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22253 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22254 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22255 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22256 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22257 22258 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22259 directed by the commission.

22260 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 22261 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22262 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22263 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22264 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22265 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22266 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22267 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22268 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22269 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22270 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 22271 22272 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

22284 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22285 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22286 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22287 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22288 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22289 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22290 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22291 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22292 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22293 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22294 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22295 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22296 commission.

22297 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22298 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22299 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22300 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22301 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22302 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22303 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22304 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22305 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22306 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22307 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22308 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22309 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22310 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22311 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22312 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22313 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22314 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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22321 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22322 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22323 22324 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22325 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22326 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 22327 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22328 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22329 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22330 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22331 22332 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22333 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22334 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22335 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

22342 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 22343 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 22344 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

22345 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22346 dates named therein.

22347 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 22348 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22349 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22350 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22351 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22352 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22353 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22354 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22355 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22356 this subsection.

22357 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22358 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22359 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22360 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22361 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22362 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22363 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22364 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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22374 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22375 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22376 22377 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22378 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22379 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22380 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22381 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22382 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22383 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22384 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22385 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22386 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22387 22388 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22389 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22404 (16)22405 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22406 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22407 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22408 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22409 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22410 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22411 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22412 22413 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22414 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

22419 **SECTION 115.** (1) As used in this section, the following 22420 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22421 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

22431 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22432 Town of Carrollton Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within 22433 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 22434 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 22435 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 22436 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 22437 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 22438 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
 Administration, to assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in
 paying costs associated with construction of stormwater drainage
 culverts and other infrastructure improvements for the purpose of
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22444 improving drainage and reducing the risk of flooding in the Town 22445 of Carrollton.

22446 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22447 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22448 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22449 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22450 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22451 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22452 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22453 22454 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22455 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 22456 (3) (a) 22457 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22458 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22459 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22460 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22461 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22462 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22463 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22464 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22465 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22466 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22467 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22468

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issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

22480 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22481 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22482 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22483 22484 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22485 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22486 22487 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22488 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22489 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22490 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22491 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22492 commission.

22493 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22494 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22495 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22496 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22497 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22498 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22499 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22500 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22501 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22502 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22503 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22504 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22505 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22506 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22507 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22508 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22509 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22510 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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22517 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22518 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 22519 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22520 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22521 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22522 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22523 22524 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22525 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22526 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22527 22528 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22529 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22530 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22531 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

22541 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22542 dates named therein.

22543 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 22544 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22545 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22546 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22547 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22548 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22549 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22550 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22551 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22552 this subsection.

22553 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22554 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22555 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22556 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22557 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22558 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22559 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22560 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

22570 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22571 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22572 22573 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22574 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22575 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22576 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22577 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22578 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22579 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22580 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22581 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22582 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22583 22584 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22585 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22600 (16)22601 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22602 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22603 22604 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22605 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22606 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22607 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22608 22609 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22610 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

22615 **SECTION 116.** (1) As used in this section, the following 22616 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22617 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

22626 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

22627 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22628 Montgomery County - Fisher Road Fund," is created within the State 22629 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 22630 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 22631 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 22632 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 22633 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 22634 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with the overlay of Fisher Road from U.S.
Highway 51 to Willette Lane in Montgomery County.

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22640 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22641 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22642 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22643 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22644 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22645 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 22646 22647 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22648 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22649 directed by the commission.

22650 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22651 22652 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22653 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22654 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22655 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22656 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22657 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22658 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22659 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22660 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22661 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 22662 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22663 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 22664 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

22674 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22675 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22676 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22677 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22678 22679 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22680 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22681 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22682 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22683 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22684 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22685 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22686 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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22690 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22691 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22692 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22693 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22694 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22695 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22696 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22697 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22698 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22699 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22700 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22701 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22702 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 22703 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22704 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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22715 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22716 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22717 22718 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22719 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22720 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 22721 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22722 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22723 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22724 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22725 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 897 R3/5 22740 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22741 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22742 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22743 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22744 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22745 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22746 this subsection.

22747 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 22748 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22749 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22750 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22751 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22752 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22753 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22754 bonds.

22755 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 22756 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 22757 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 22758 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 22759 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 22760 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22761 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22762 22763 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 898 22764 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)22765 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 22766 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22767 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22768 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22769 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22770 22771 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22772 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 22773 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22774 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22775 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22776 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 22777 performance of all duties required by this section to be 22778 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22779 interest thereon.

22780 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22781 22782 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22783 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 22784 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 22785 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22786 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22787 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

22794 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)22795 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22796 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22797 22798 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22799 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22800 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22801 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22802 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22803 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22804 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

22809 SECTION 117. (1) As used in this section, the following 22810 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22811 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

22819 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

22820 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

22821 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 22822 City of Winona Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 22823 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 22824 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 22825 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 22826 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 22827 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 22828 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with overlaying roads and streets in the City of Winona.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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22837 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22838 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22839 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22840 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 22841 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22842 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22843 directed by the commission.

22844 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 22845 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22846 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22847 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22848 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22849 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22850 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22851 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22852 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22853 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22854 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22855 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 22856 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22857 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 22858 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 22859 22860 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

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22861 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 22862 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

22868 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22869 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22870 22871 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22872 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22873 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22874 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22875 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22876 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22877 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22878 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22879 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22880 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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22886 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22887 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22888 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22889 22890 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22891 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22892 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22893 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22894 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22895 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22896 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22897 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22898 the State of Mississippi.

22899 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 22900 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 22901 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 22902 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 22903 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 22904 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

22905 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)22906 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 22907 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22908 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22909 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22910 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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22911 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22912 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22913 22914 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 22915 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22916 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22917 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22918 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22919 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

22941 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 22942 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22943 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22944 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22945 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22946 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22947 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22948 bonds.

22949 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)22950 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 22951 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 22952 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 22953 22954 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22955 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 22956 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22957 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 906 R3/5 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22966 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 22967 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22968 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22969 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 22970 22971 performance of all duties required by this section to be 22972 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22973 interest thereon.

22974 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 22975 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22976 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22977 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 22978 22979 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22980 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22981 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 907 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22988 (16)22989 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22990 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22991 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22992 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22993 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22994 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22995 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22996 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22997 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22998 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

23003 **SECTION 118.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23004 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23005 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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23010 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 23011 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 23012 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 23014 (C) 23015 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 23016 Town of Duncan Community Park Fund, " is created within the State 23017 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 23018 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 23019 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 23020 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 23021 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 23022 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Town of Duncan, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with site grading, playground improvements
and acquisition of playground equipment for the town's community
park.

23029 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23030 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23031 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23032 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23033 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23034 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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23035 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23036 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23037 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23038 directed by the commission.

23039 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 23040 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23041 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23042 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23043 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23044 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23045 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23046 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23047 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23048 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23049 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23050 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23051 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23052 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 23053 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23054 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23055 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 23056 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 23057

23058 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 23059 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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23060 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 23061 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 23062 bonds.

23063 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 23064 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23065 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23066 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23067 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23068 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23069 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23070 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23071 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23072 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23073 23074 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23075 commission.

23076 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23077 23078 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23079 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23080 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23081 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23082 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23083 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23084 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 23085 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23086 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23087 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23088 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23089 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23090 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23091 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 23092 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23093 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

23100 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 23101 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23102 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23103 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23104 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23105 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23106 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23107 23108 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23109

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derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

23126 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23127 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23128 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23129 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23130 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23131 23132 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23133

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23134 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23135 this subsection.

23136 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23137 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 23138 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23139 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23140 23141 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23142 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23143 bonds.

23144 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 23145 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23146 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23147 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 23148 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23149 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23150 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23151 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23152 majority of its members.

23153 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23154 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 23155 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23156 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23157 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23158 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 914 R3/5

23159 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23160 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23161 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23162 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 23163 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23164 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 23165 23166 performance of all duties required by this section to be 23167 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23168 interest thereon.

23169 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23170 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23171 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23172 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23173 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23174 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23175 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 23176

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 915 23183 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 23184 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23185 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23186 23187 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23188 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23189 23190 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23191 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23192 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23193 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

23198 **SECTION 119.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23199 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23200 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

23209 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 23210 (a) (i) Walthall County Courthouse Renovation Fund," is created within the 23211 23212 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 23213 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 23214 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 23215 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 23216 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 23217 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovation of the Walthall County Courthouse.

23223 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 23224 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23225 23226 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23227 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23228 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23229 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23230 23231 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 23232

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23233 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 23234 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23235 23236 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23237 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23238 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23239 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23240 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23241 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23242 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23243 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 23244 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 23245 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 23246 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 23247 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 23248 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 23249 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty 23250 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 23251 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 23257 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 23258 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23259 23260 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23261 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23262 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23263 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23264 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23265 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23266 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 23267 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23268 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23269 commission.

23270 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23271 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23272 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23273 23274 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23275 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23276 23277 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23278 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 23279 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23280 23281 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

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23282 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23283 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23284 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23285 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23286 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23287 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

23294 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)23295 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23296 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23297 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23298 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23299 23300 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23301 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23302 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23303 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23304 23305 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23306 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

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23307 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23308 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

23320 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23321 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23322 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23323 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23324 23325 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23326 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23327 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23328 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23329 this subsection.

23330 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23331 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 23338 (10)23339 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23340 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23341 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 23342 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23343 23344 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23345 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23346 majority of its members.

23347 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23348 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23349 23350 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 23351 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23352 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23353 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23354 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23355 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23356 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

23363 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23364 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23365 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23366 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23367 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23368 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23369 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23370 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

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the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

23392 SECTION 120. (1) As used in this section, the following 23393 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23394 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
Town of Tylertown Building Fund," is created within the State
Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

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(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, restoration, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the former Walthall Hotel building and related facilities.

23418 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23419 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23420 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23421 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23422 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23423 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23424 23425 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23426 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23427 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

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23432 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23433 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23434 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23435 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23436 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23437 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23438 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23439 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23440 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23441 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 23442 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23443 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23444 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 23445 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 23446

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 926 R3/5 23457 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23458 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23459 23460 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23461 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 23462 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23463 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23464 commission.

23465 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 23466 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23467 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23468 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23469 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23470 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23471 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23472 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23473 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23474 23475 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23476 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23477 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23478 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23479 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23480 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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23481 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23482 the State of Mississippi.

23483 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 23484 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 23485 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 23486 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 23487 23488 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

23489 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)23490 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23491 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23492 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23493 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23494 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23495 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23496 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23497 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23498 23499 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23500 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23501 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 23502 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23503 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

23504 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 23505 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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23506 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 23507 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 23508 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 23509 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

23515 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23516 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23517 23518 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23519 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23520 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23521 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23522 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23523 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23524 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed
solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and
Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 929 R3/5 23531 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23532 bonds.

23533 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)23534 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23535 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23536 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 23537 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23538 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23539 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23540 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23541 majority of its members.

23542 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)23543 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 23544 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23545 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 23546 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23547 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23548 23549 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be

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23556 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23557 interest thereon.

23558 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23559 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23560 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23561 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23562 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23563 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23564 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23565 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

23572 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)23573 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23574 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23575 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23576 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23577 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23578 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23579 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23580 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 931 R3/5

23581 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23582 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

23587 SECTION 121. (1) As used in this section, the following 23588 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23589 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

23597 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 23598 (C) 23599 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 23600 City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex Fund," is created 23601 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 23602 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 23603 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 23604 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the

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(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Charleston, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and
equipping the City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex.

23612 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23613 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23614 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23615 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23616 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23617 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23618 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23619 23620 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23621 directed by the commission.

23622 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 23623 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23624 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23625 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23626 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23627 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23628 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23629

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 23630 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23631 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23632 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23633 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23634 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23635 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23636 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23637 23638 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 23639 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 23640 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

23646 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 23647 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23648 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23649 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23650 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23651 23652 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23653 23654 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

23659 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23660 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23661 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23662 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23663 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23664 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23665 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23666 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23667 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 23668 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23669 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23670 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23671 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23672 23673 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23674 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23675 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23676 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

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23680 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 23681 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 23682 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

23683 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)23684 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23685 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23686 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23687 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23688 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23689 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23690 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23691 23692 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23693 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23694 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23695 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 23696 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 23697

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

23709 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23710 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23711 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23712 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23713 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23714 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23715 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23716 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23717 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23718 this subsection.

23719 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23720 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23721 23722 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 23723 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23724 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23725 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23726 bonds.

23727 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued
23728 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 937 R3/5 23729 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23730 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 23731 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23732 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23733 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23734 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23735 majority of its members.

23736 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)23737 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 23738 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23739 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 23740 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23741 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23742 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23743 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23744 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23745 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23746 23747 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 23748 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 23749 performance of all duties required by this section to be 23750 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23751 interest thereon.

23752 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section23753 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

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for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

23766 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)23767 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23768 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23769 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23770 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23771 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23772 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23773 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23774 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23775 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23776 thereof.

23777 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
23778 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
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23779 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 23780 any existing law of this state.

23781 SECTION 122. (1) As used in this section, the following 23782 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23783 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

23792 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

23793 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 23794 Tallahatchie County Solid Waste Collection Transfer Station Fund," 23795 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 23796 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 23797 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 23798 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 23799 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 23800 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 23801 such fund.

23802 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be23803 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and

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Administration, to assist Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a solid waste collection transfer station.

23807 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 23808 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23809 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23810 23811 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23812 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23813 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23814 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23815 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23816 directed by the commission.

23817 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 23818 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23819 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23820 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23821 23822 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23823 23824 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23825 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23826 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23827 23828 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds,

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advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

23841 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)23842 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23843 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23844 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23845 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23846 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23847 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23848 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23849 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23850 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23851 23852 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the

23853 commission.

23854 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23855 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23856 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23857 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23858 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23859 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23860 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23861 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23862 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23863 23864 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23865 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23866 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23867 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23868 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23869 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23870 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23871 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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23878 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 23879 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23880 23881 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23882 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23883 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23884 23885 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23886 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23887 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23888 23889 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23890 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23891 23892 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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23902 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 23903 dates named therein.

23904 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23905 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23906 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23907 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23908 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23909 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23910 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23911 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23912 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23913 this subsection.

23914 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 23915 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 23916 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23917 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 23918 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23919 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23920 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23921 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 945 R3/5 23927 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23928 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23929 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23930 majority of its members.

23931 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23932 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23933 23934 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 23935 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23936 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23937 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23938 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23939 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)23940 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 23941 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23942 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 23943 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 23944 23945 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23946 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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23952 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23953 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23954 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 23961 (16)23962 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23963 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23964 23965 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23966 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23967 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23968 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23969 23970 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23971 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 947 23976 **SECTION 123.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23977 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23978 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

23987 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

23988 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 23989 Town of Oakland Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 23990 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 23991 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 23992 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 23993 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 23994 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 23995 shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Town of Oakland, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Oakland.

24001 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 24002 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24003 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24004 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24005 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24006 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 24007 24008 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24009 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24010 directed by the commission.

24011 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 24012 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24013 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24014 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24015 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24016 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24017 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24018 24019 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24020 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24021 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24022 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24023 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24024 24025 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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24026 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24027 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five 24028 Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 24029 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

24035 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24036 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24037 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24038 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24039 24040 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24041 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24042 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24043 24044 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24045 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24046 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24047 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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24051 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24052 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24053 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24054 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24055 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 24056 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24057 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24058 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24059 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24060 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24061 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24062 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24063 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 24064 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24065 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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24076 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24077 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24078 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24079 24080 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24081 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24082 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24083 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 24084 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 24085 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24086 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 952 R3/5 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

24108 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24109 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24110 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24111 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24112 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24113 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24114 24115 bonds.

24116 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 24117 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24118 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24119 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24120 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24121 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24122 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24123 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 24124

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 953 24125 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)24126 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24127 24128 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24129 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24130 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24131 24132 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24133 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24134 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24135 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24136 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24137 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 24138 24139 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24140 interest thereon.

24141 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24142 24143 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24144 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24145 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24146 24147 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 24148

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(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 24155 (16)24156 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 24157 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24158 24159 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24160 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24161 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24162 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24163 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24164 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24165 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

24170 SECTION 124. (1) As used in this section, the following 24171 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24172 clearly requires otherwise:

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(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

24180 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

24181 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

24182 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 24183 City of Starkville Road Fund," is created within the State 24184 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 24185 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 24186 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 24187 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 24188 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 24189 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with the extension of Stark Road and
Hospital Road in the City of Starkville.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
(a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

24205 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 24206 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24207 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24208 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24209 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24210 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24211 24212 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24213 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24214 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24215 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24216 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24217 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24218 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24219 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24220 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 24221

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24222 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 24223 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

24229 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24230 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24231 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24232 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24233 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24234 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24235 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24236 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24237 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24238 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24239 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24240 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24241 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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24247 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24248 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24249 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24250 24251 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24252 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24253 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24254 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24255 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24256 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24257 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 24258 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24259 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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24272 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24273 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24274 24275 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24276 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24277 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 24278 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 24279 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24280 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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8)FI (H)WM R3/5 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

24302 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24303 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24304 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24305 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24306 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24307 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24308 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24309 bonds.

24310 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24311 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24312 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24313 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24314 24315 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24316 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24317 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 24318

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

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with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24327 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24328 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24329 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24330 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24331 24332 performance of all duties required by this section to be 24333 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24334 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24335 24336 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24337 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24338 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24339 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24340 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24341 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 24342 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi. (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 24349 (16)24350 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 24351 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 24352 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24353 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24354 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24355 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24356 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24357 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24358 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24359 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

24364 **SECTION 125.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24365 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24366 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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24371 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 24372 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 24373 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 24375 (C) 24376 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 24377 Town of Sebastopol Community Center Fund," is created within the 24378 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 24379 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 24380 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 24381 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 24382 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 24383 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Sebastopol, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades and improvements to a building that will be the town's multipurpose community center.

24390 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 24391 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24392 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24393 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24394 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24395 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

24400 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 24401 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24402 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24403 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24404 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24405 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24406 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24407 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24408 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24409 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24410 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24411 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24412 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24413 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24414 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24415 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 24416 24417 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 24418

24419 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 24420 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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24424 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24425 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24426 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24427 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24428 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24429 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24430 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24431 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24432 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24433 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24434 24435 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24436 commission.

24437 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 24438 24439 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24440 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24441 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24442 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24443 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 24444 24445 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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24446 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24447 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24448 24449 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24450 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24451 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24452 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 24453 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24454 the State of Mississippi.

24455 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 24456 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 24457 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 24458 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 24459 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 24460 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

24461 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 24462 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24463 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24464 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24465 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24466 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24467 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24468 24469 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24470

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derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

24487 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 24488 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 24489 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 24490 24491 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24492 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24493 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24494

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24495 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24496 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24497 (9) 24498 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24499 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24500 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24501 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24502 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24503 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24504 bonds.

24505 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 24506 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24507 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24508 24509 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24510 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24511 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24512 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24513 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required
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3)FI (H)WM R3/5 24520 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24521 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24522 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24523 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24524 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24525 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24526 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24527 performance of all duties required by this section to be 24528 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24529 interest thereon.

24530 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24531 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24532 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24533 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24534 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24535 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24536 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 24537

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 970 24544 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 24545 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 24546 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24547 24548 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24549 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24550 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24551 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24552 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24553 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24554 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

24559 **SECTION 126.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24560 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24561 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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24569 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 24570 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 24571 (a) (i) City of Union Police Department Fund," is created within the State 24572 24573 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 24574 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 24575 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 24576 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 24577 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 24578 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Union, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of two (2) motor vehicles and equipment for such motor vehicles, tasers and other safety equipment for the City of Union Police Department.

24585 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24586 24587 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24588 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24589 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24590 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24591 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24592

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24593 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24594 directed by the commission.

24595 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 24596 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24597 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24598 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24599 24600 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24601 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24602 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24603 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24604 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24605 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24606 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24607 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24608 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24609 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24610 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24611 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 24612 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 24613 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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24617 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 24618 bonds.

24619 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)24620 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24621 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24622 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24623 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24624 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24625 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24626 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24627 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24628 24629 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24630 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24631 commission.

24632 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 24633 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24634 24635 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24636 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24637 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24638 24639 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24640 24641 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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24642 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24643 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24644 24645 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24646 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24647 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24648 24649 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

24656 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 24657 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24658 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24659 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24660 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24661 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24662 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24663 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24664 24665 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24666 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 975 R3/5 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

24682 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24683 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 24684 24685 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24686 24687 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 24688 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24689 24690 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 24691

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 976 24692 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 24693 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24694 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24695 24696 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24697 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24698 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24699 bonds.

24700 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24701 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24702 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24703 24704 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24705 24706 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24707 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24708 majority of its members.

24709 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 24710 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 24711 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24712 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24713 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24714 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24715 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 24716 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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24717 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24718 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24719 24720 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24721 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24722 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24723 24724 interest thereon.

24725 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24726 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24727 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24728 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24729 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24730 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24731 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 24732 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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24742 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24743 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24744 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24745 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24746 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24747 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24748 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24749 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

24754 **SECTION 127.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24755 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24756 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 979 R3/5 24766 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 24767 Town of Seminary Water and Sewer Systems Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 24768 24769 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 24770 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 24771 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 24772 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 24773 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and expansion of and upgrades and improvements to the town's water system infrastructure and/or sewer system infrastructure.

24780 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 24781 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24782 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24783 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24784 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24785 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24786 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 24787 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24788 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 24789

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 980 24790 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 24791 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24792 24793 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24794 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24795 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24796 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24797 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24798 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24799 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24800 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24801 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24802 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24803 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24804 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24805 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24806 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 24807 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 24808 July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds. 24814 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24815 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24816 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24817 24818 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24819 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24820 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24821 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24822 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24823 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24824 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24825 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24826 commission.

24827 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 24828 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 24829 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24830 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24831 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24832 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24833 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24834 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 24835 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24836 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24837 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24838

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24839 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24840 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24841 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24842 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 24843 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24844 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

24851 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)24852 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24853 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24854 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24855 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24856 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24857 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24858 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24859 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24860 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24861 24862 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 24863

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24864 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24865 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

24877 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 24878 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 24879 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 24880 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24881 24882 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24883 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 24884 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24885 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24886 this subsection.

24887 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24888 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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24895 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24896 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24897 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24898 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24899 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24900 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24901 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24902 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24903 majority of its members.

24904 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 24905 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 24906 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24907 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24908 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24909 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24910 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24911 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24912 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24913 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

24920 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24921 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24922 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24923 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24924 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24925 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24926 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 24927 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of
Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 986 R3/5 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

24949 SECTION 128. (1) As used in this section, the following 24950 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24951 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.
(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021

24962 City of Brandon City Hall Improvements Fund," is created within 24963 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

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Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and upgrades of and improvements to its City Hall building and related facilities and construction of an additional parking and related facilities.

24975 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 24976 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24977 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24978 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24979 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24980 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 24981 24982 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24983 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24984 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

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24989 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24990 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24991 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24992 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24993 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24994 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24995 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 24996 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 24997 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 24998 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 24999 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 25000 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred 25001 25002 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 25003 this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 989 R3/5 25014 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25015 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25016 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25017 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25018 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25019 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25020 25021 commission.

25022 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 25023 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25024 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25025 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25026 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25027 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25028 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25029 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25030 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25031 25032 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25033 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25034 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25035 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25036 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25037 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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25038 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25039 the State of Mississippi.

25040 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 25041 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 25042 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 25043 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 25044 25045 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

25046 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)25047 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25048 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25049 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25050 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25051 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 25052 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25053 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25054 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 25055 25056 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25057 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25058 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25059 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25060 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

25061 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 25062 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less

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25063 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 25064 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 25065 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 25066 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

25072 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25073 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25074 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25075 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25076 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25077 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25078 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25079 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25080 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25081 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)
of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed
solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and
Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 992 R3/5 25088 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25089 bonds.

25090 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)25091 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 25092 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25093 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 25094 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 25095 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25096 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25097 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25098 majority of its members.

25099 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)25100 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25101 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25102 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25103 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25104 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25105 25106 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25107 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25108 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25109 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25110 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25111 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 25112

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25113 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25114 interest thereon.

25115 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25116 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25117 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25118 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25119 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 25120 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25121 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25122 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

25129 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25130 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25131 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25132 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25133 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25134 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25135 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25136 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25137 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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25138 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25139 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

25144 SECTION 129. (1) As used in this section, the following 25145 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25146 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

25154 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 25155 (C) 25156 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 25157 Tippah County Hospital Fund," is created within the State 25158 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 25159 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 25160 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 25161 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General

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25162 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 25163 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment at the Tippah County Hospital.

25169 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25170 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25171 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25172 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25173 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25174 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25175 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 25176 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25177 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25178 directed by the commission.

25179 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 25180 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25181 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25182 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25183 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25184 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25185 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25186

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25187 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25188 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25189 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 25190 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25191 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 25192 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 25193 25194 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25195 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 25196 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 25197

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

25203 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 25204 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25205 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25206 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25207 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25208 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25209 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25210 25211 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such (S)FI (H)WM

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time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

25216 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25217 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25218 25219 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25220 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25221 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25222 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25223 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25224 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25225 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25226 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25227 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25228 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25229 25230 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25231 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25232 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25233 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

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25237 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 25238 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 25239 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

25240 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25241 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25242 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25243 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25244 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25245 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 25246 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25247 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25248 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25249 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 25250 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25251 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25252 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25253 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 25254

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

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The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

25266 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25267 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25268 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25269 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25270 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25271 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25272 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25273 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25274 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25275 this subsection.

25276 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25277 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25278 25279 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25280 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25281 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25282 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25283 bonds.

25284 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25285 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1000 R3/5 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25292 majority of its members.

25293 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)25294 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25295 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25296 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25297 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25298 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25299 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25300 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25301 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25302 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25303 25304 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25305 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 25306 performance of all duties required by this section to be 25307 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25308 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this sectionshall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

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for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

25323 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25324 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25325 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25326 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25327 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25328 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25329 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25330 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25331 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25332 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25333 thereof.

25334 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
25335 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
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25336 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 25337 any existing law of this state.

25338 **SECTION 130.** (1) As used in this section, the following 25339 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25340 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

25348 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25349 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

25350 (2)(a) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (i) 25351 City of Ripley Fire Department Fund," is created within the State 25352 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 25353 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 25354 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 25355 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 25356 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 25357 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in

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25361 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the 25362 city's fire department.

25363 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25364 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25365 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25366 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25367 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25368 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25369 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25370 25371 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25372 directed by the commission.

25373 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25374 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25375 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25376 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25377 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25378 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25379 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25380 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25381 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25382 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25383 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25384 25385 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

25397 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25398 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25399 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25400 25401 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25402 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25403 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25404 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25405 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25406 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25407 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25408 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25409 commission.

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25410 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25411 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25412 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25413 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25414 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25415 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25416 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25417 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25418 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25419 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25420 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25421 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25422 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25423 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25424 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25425 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25426 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 25427

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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25434 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25435 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25436 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25437 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25438 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25439 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25440 25441 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25442 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25443 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25444 25445 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25446 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25447 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25448 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

25455 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 25456 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 25457 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1007 25458 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 25459 dates named therein.

25460 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 25461 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25462 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25463 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25464 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25465 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25466 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25467 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25468 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25469 this subsection.

25470 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 25471 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25472 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25473 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25474 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25475 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25476 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25477 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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25483 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25484 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25485 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25486 majority of its members.

25487 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 25488 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25489 25490 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25491 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25492 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25493 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25494 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25495 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)25496 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25497 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25498 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25499 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 25500 performance of all duties required by this section to be 25501 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25502 interest thereon.

25503 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25504 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25505 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25506 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25507 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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25508 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25509 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25510 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

25517 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 25518 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25519 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25520 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25521 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25522 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25523 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25524 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25525 25526 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25527 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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25532 SECTION 131. (1) As used in this section, the following 25533 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25534 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25543 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)25544 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 25545 Town of Artesia Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within the 25546 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 25547 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 25548 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25549 25550 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25551 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Town of Artesia, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with construction of and other
improvements to storm water structures and facilities for the
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25559 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25560 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25561 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25562 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25563 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25564 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25565 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25566 25567 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25568 directed by the commission.

25569 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25570 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25571 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25572 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25573 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25574 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25575 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25576 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25577 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25578 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25579 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 25580 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 25581 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

25593 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25594 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25595 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25596 25597 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25598 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25599 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25600 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25601 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25602 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25603 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25604 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25605 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1013 25606 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25607 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25608 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25609 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25610 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25611 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25612 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25613 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25614 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25615 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25616 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25617 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25618 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25619 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25620 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25621 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25622 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25623 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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25630 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25631 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25632 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25633 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25634 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25635 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25636 25637 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25638 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25639 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25640 25641 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25642 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25643 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25644 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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25654 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 25655 dates named therein.

25656 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 25657 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25658 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25659 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25660 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25661 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25662 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25663 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25664 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25665 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25666 (9) 25667 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25668 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25669 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25670 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25671 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25672 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25673 bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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25679 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25680 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25681 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25682 majority of its members.

25683 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 25684 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25685 25686 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25687 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25688 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25689 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25690 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25691 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)25692 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25693 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25694 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25695 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 25696 25697 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25698 interest thereon.

25699 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25700 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25701 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25702 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25703 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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25704 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25705 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25706 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

25713 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 25714 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25715 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25716 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25717 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25718 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25719 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25720 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25721 25722 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25723 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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25728 **SECTION 132.** (1) As used in this section, the following 25729 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25730 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25739 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)25740 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 25741 Jackson State University Stadium Fund," is created within the 25742 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 25743 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 25744 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25745 25746 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25747 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with a study
regarding the location for the construction of a sports stadium in
downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

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25753 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25754 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25755 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25756 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25757 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25758 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 25759 25760 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25761 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25762 directed by the commission.

25763 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25764 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25765 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25766 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25767 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25768 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25769 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25770 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25771 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25772 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25773 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 25774 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25775 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 25776 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 25777 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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25778 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25779 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 25780 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 25781 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

25787 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25788 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25789 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25790 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25791 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25792 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25793 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25794 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25795 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25796 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25797 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25798 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25799 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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25803 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25804 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25805 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25806 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25807 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25808 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25809 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25810 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25811 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25812 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25813 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25814 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25815 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 25816 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25817 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1022 R3/5 25828 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25829 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25830 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25831 25832 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25833 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 25834 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25835 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25836 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25837 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25838 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1023 R3/5 25853 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25854 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25855 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25856 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25857 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25858 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25859 this subsection.

25860 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25861 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25862 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25863 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25864 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25865 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25866 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25867 bonds.

25868 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25869 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 25870 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25871 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 25872 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 25873 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25874 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25875 25876 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1024 25877 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25878 25879 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25880 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25881 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25882 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25883 25884 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25885 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25886 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25887 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25888 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25889 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 25890 performance of all duties required by this section to be 25891 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25892 interest thereon.

25893 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25894 25895 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25896 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25897 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 25898 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25899 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25900 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

25907 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25908 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25909 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25910 25911 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25912 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25913 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25914 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25915 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25916 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25917 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

25922 SECTION 133. (1) As used in this section, the following 25923 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25924 clearly requires otherwise:

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1026 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

25932 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25933 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

25934 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 25935 Town of Plantersville Infrastructure and Park Fund," is created 25936 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 25937 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 25938 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 25939 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25940 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25941 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the Town of Plantersville, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and park
improvements.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

25957 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 25958 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25959 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25960 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25961 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25962 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25963 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25964 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25965 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25966 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25967 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 25968 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25969 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 25970 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 25971 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25972 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 25973

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(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

25981 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25982 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25983 25984 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25985 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25986 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25987 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25988 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25989 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25990 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25991 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25992 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25993 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1029 R3/5 25999 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 26000 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26001 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 26002 26003 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 26004 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26005 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26006 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26007 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26008 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26009 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26010 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26011 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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26024 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26025 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26026 26027 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26028 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 26029 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26030 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26031 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26032 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 26049 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 26050 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26051 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26052 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26053 this subsection.

26054 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26055 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26056 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26057 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26058 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26059 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26060 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26061 bonds.

26062 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26063 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26064 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26065 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26066 26067 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26068 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26069 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26070 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1032 R3/5 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

26079 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26080 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26081 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26082 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26083 26084 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26085 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26086 interest thereon.

26087 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26088 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26089 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26090 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26091 26092 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26093 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26094 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1033 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 26101 (16)26102 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 26103 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26104 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26105 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26106 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26107 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26108 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26109 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26110 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26111 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

26116 **SECTION 134.** (1) As used in this section, the following 26117 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26118 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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26123 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 26124 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26125 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26127 (C) 26128 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Camp Kamassa Construction Fund," is created within the State 26129 26130 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 26131 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 26132 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 26133 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 26134 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 26135 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

26136 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
26137 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
26138 Administration, to assist the Mississippi's Toughest Kids
26139 Foundation in paying the costs associated with:

Design, preplanning, construction,
 furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities at
 Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi; and

26143 2. Design, preplanning, construction and 26144 development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, 26145 Mississippi.

26146 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 26147 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S) FI (H) WM

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26148 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 26149 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 26150 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 26151 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 26152 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 26153 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 26154 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 26155 directed by the commission.

26156 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26157 26158 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 26159 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26160 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26161 26162 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26163 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26164 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26165 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26166 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 26167 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 26168 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 26169 26170 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 26171 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million 26172

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26175 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 26176 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 26177 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 26178 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 26179 bonds.

26180 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 26181 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 26182 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26183 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26184 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26185 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26186 26187 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 26188 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26189 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26190 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26191 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26192 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1037 (S)FI (H)WM 26198 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 26199 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26200 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 26201 26202 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 26203 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26204 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26205 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26206 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26207 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26208 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26209 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26210 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this
section, the commission shall not be required to and need not
comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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26223 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26224 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26225 26226 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26227 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 26228 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26229 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26230 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26231 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 26248 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 26249 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26250 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26251 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26252 this subsection.

26253 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26254 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26255 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26256 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26257 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26258 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26259 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26260 bonds.

26261 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26262 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26263 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26264 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26265 26266 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26267 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26268 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26269 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1040 R3/5 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

26278 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26279 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26280 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26281 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26282 26283 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26284 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26285 interest thereon.

26286 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26287 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26288 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26289 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26290 26291 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26292 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26293 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1041 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

26300 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)26301 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 26302 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26303 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26304 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26305 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26306 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26307 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26308 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26309 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26310 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

26315 **SECTION 135.** (1) As used in this section, the following 26316 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26317 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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26322 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 26323 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26324 maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26326 (C) 26327 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 26328 City of Ocean Springs Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," 26329 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 26330 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 26331 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 26332 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 26333 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 26334 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 26335 such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
Administration, to assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with improvements to the city's water
system and sewer system infrastructure and drainage
infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,

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abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

26352 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 26353 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26354 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 26355 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26356 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 26357 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26358 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26359 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26360 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26361 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26362 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 26363 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 26364 26365 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 26366 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 26367 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 26368 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 26369 after July 1, 2025. 26370

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(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

26376 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 26377 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 26378 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26379 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26380 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26381 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 26382 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26383 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26384 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26385 26386 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26387 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26388 commission.

26389 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)26390 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 26391 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 26392 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 26393 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 26394 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26395 (S)FI (H)WM

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26396 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 26397 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 26398 26399 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26400 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26401 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26402 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26403 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26404 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 26405 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26406 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

26413 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)26414 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26415 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26416 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26417 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 26418 26419 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and The commission is authorized and empowered to 26420 sale of such bonds.

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pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State

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26446 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26447 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26448 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26449 (9) 26450 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26451 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26452 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26453 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26454 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26455 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26456 bonds.

26457 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26458 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26459 26460 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 26461 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26462 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26463 26464 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26465 majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31,
Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,
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26471 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 26472 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 26473 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

26474 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26475 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26476 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26477 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 26478 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26479 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26480 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon. 26481

26482 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)26483 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26484 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26485 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 26486 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26487 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26488 26489 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

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The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 26496 (16)26497 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26498 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26499 26500 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26501 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26502 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26503 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26504 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26505 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26506 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

26511 SECTION 136. Section 41, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 26512 amended as follows:

26513 Section 41. (1) As used in this section, the following 26514 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26515 clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the

26521 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26522 maturity.

26523 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26524 (C)26525 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) (i) 26526 Town of Wesson - Wesson Old School Visitor Center Fund," is 26527 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 26528 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 26529 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 26530 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 26531 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 26532 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with * * * parking lot repairs for the renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Wesson Old School Visitor Center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

26546 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 26547 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 26548 directed by the commission.

26549 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 26550 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26551 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26552 26553 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 26554 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26555 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26556 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26557 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26558 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26559 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 26560 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 26561 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 26562 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 26563 26564 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 26565 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred 26566 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 26567 this section after July 1, 2024.

26568 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 26569 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 26570 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

26571 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 26572 bonds.

26573 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)26574 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 26575 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26576 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26577 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26578 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 26579 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26580 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 26581 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26582 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26583 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26584 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26585 commission.

26586 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 26587 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 26588 26589 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 26590 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 26591 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 26592 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26593 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 26594 26595 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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26596 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26597 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26598 26599 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26600 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26601 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26602 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26603 the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

26610 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 26611 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26612 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26613 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26614 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 26615 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 26616 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26617 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26618 26619 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26620 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

26621 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26622 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26623 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26624 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

26636 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26637 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 26638 26639 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 26640 26641 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26642 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26643 26644 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26645 this subsection.

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26646 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 26647 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26648 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26649 26650 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26651 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26652 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26653 bonds.

26654 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26655 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26656 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 26657 26658 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26659 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26660 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26661 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26662 majority of its members.

26663 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 26664 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 26665 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 26666 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 26667 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 26668 26669 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 26670

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26671 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26672 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26673 26674 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 26675 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26676 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26677 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26678 interest thereon.

26679 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26680 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26681 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26682 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 26683 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26684 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26685 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26686 of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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26696 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26697 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26698 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26699 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26700 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26701 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26702 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26703 thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

26708 **SECTION 137.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 26709 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 1 2 BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE 3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, 4 AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, 5 TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED 6 TO BE ISSUED FOR THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING 7 EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 15, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE BY \$3,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT 8 9 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CHICKASAW INKANA FOUNDATION IN PAYING THE COSTS 10 11 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THE CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER IN TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE 12 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR 13 14 THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND; TO 15 AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY 16 THERETO AND TO ALLOW THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO BE DISBURSED AS

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17 GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE AGENCIES; TO 18 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE 19 AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI SITE 20 DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI 21 CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000.00 FOR 22 23 THE ACE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 24 TO INCREASE BY \$10,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION 25 BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT 26 ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 27 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BOND PROCEEDS THAT THE MISSISSIPPI 28 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MAY UTILIZE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS 29 INVESTMENT ACT TO MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH 30 AN EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT AND LOAN FUND TO AID IN INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, 31 32 AND THE PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 33 34 INCREASE BY \$7,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE 35 ISSUED UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN 36 ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000.00 IN BONDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE FUNDING 37 FOR A HIGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT PROJECT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38 65-4-5(1)(C)(V); TO AMEND SECTION 25, CHAPTER 533, LAWS OF 2010, 39 AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 8, CHAPTER 421, LAWS OF 2019, TO 40 INCREASE BY \$36,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 41 THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE 42 FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 43 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF 44 SUPERVISORS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 45 REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE N.A. SANDIFER ROAD BRIDGE; TO 46 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARSHALL 47 48 COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING A FULL-TIME 49 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTER TO SERVE THE GROWING AREA IN AND AROUND 50 THE CHICKASAW TRAIL INDUSTRIAL PARK; TO AMEND SECTION 5, CHAPTER 51 454, LAWS OF 2019, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 130, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 52 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL 53 OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 54 REPAIR, RENOVATION AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND RELATED 55 FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BATESVILLE TO HOUSE THE CONCOURSE 56 WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 57 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE PEARL AND 58 LEAF RIVERS RAILS-TO-TRAILS RECREATIONAL DISTRICT WITH TRAIL 59 OVERLAY OR BRIDGE REPAIRS ON THE LONGLEAF TRACE BETWEEN 60 HATTIESBURG AND PRENTISS; TO AMEND SECTION 106, CHAPTER 492, LAWS 61 OF 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL 62 OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST THE EAST METROPOLITAN CORRIDOR 63 COMMISSION IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION AND 64 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EAST METRO CORRIDOR PROJECT IN RANKIN 65 COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 66 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAZOO

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1059 67 COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY 49 FRONTAGE ROAD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 68 69 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN 70 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRECONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, 71 LAND ACQUISITION, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND 72 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMERCE PARK CONNECTOR PROJECT FROM LAKE HARBOUR DRIVE TO HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY IN MADISON COUNTY; TO 73 74 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 75 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND PORT IN 76 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDICAL CLINIC; 77 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 78 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRENTISS 79 COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGES 80 114 AND 115 ON COUNTY ROAD 4050 AND BRIDGE 147 ON COUNTY ROAD 81 5250; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 82 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF WEST POINT IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVING OF CITY STREETS; TO AMEND SECTION 112, 83 84 CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED 85 INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF 86 SUPERVISORS OF LOWNDES COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 87 EXTENSION OF MANUFACTURES DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 88 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE 89 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NESHOBA COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 90 WITH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY ROAD 210 BRIDGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 91 92 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN 93 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF HOSPITAL ROAD AND 94 STARK ROAD; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 95 WHICH CREATES THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING 96 REVOLVING FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT 97 AUTHORITY SHALL DISBURSE A PORTION OF MONIES IN THE FUND TO DELTA 98 HEALTH SYSTEM TO USE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 99 57-119-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT A PROJECT FROM THE 100 CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO 101 RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND; TO PROVIDE 102 THAT FOR ANY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 103 AUDITS, VERIFIES OR OTHERWISE REVIEWS INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY AN 104 APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF 105 THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY MAY 106 107 EMPLOY A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT TO PERFORM A THIRD-PARTY AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF SUCH INFORMATION, IN LIEU OF THE 108 109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DOING SO, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INCENTIVE 110 PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO 111 PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY 112 SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PURPOSES, 113 AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE 114 THIRD-PARTY AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF INFORMATION FOR 115 THE PURPOSES OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY 116 INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM AND SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT,

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117 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY OF SUCH ACCEPTANCE AND 118 APPROVAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE THIRD-PARTY 119 AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF INFORMATION; TO AMEND 120 SECTION 27-7-22.41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE 121 DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" UNDER THE 122 CHILDREN'S PROMISE ACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING AN INCOME TAX 123 CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE 124 FOR AN AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SUCH 125 ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTORS FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE 126 127 TAX CREDITS APPLIED AGAINST AD VALOREM TAXES; TO INCREASE THE 128 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY 129 THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION DURING A CALENDAR YEAR; TO 130 PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN PORTION OR AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY 131 BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE 132 AVAILABLE SOLELY FOR ALLOCATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN 133 ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 134 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN 135 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AND 136 UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, ROADWAYS, INFRASTRUCTURE, 137 FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES AT LEFLEUR'S BLUFF STATE PARK, IN 138 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND DEVELOPING 139 THE ENTRANCE TO THE MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND THE 140 MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, AND AREAS AND AMENITIES RELATED TO THE MUSEUMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 141 142 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF INDIANOLA, 143 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, 144 UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS; TO AUTHORIZE THE 145 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 146 ASSIST ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOFING FOR THE ALCORN 147 148 COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 149 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE JACINTO FOUNDATION, INC., 150 TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIRING, RENOVATING, RESTORING, REHABILITATING, PRESERVING, FURNISHING 151 152 AND/OR EQUIPPING THE JACINTO COURTHOUSE AND RELATED FACILITIES IN 153 ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING 154 155 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND 156 IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST CORINTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ENHANCED 157 CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING TO CORINTH STUDENTS IN ADVANCED 158 TECHNOLOGY SKILLS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 159 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TISHOMINGO COUNTY, 160 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO 161 COUNTY ROAD 961 IN TISHOMINGO COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST GEORGE 162 163 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, 164 RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO 165 EVANSTON ROAD AT AND NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE GEORGE COUNTY 166 INDUSTRIAL PARK IN GEORGE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF

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167 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION 168 169 OF AND REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SEWER 170 SYSTEM, SEWAGE LAGOON AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES; 171 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 172 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING 173 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND 174 IMPROVEMENTS TO VARDAMAN STREET; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 175 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN 176 OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, 177 RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CALHOUN STREET; TO 178 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN 179 180 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PETE BROWN 181 GOLF COURSE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 182 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND 183 EQUIPPING OF THE TOUGALOO SENIOR CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 184 185 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE PASCAGOULA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITH THE FLAGSHIP DISTRICT 186 187 PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 188 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN 189 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 190 4; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE 191 192 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE 193 ON TEMPLE ROAD OVER REESE CREEK AND THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON BROOKLYN-JANICE ROAD OVER CHANEY BRANCH CREEK IN 194 195 FORREST COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 196 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS 197 ASSOCIATED WITH SITE PREPARATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST 198 LAUDERDALE ATHLETIC COMPLEX IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 199 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 200 ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 201 JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN 202 203 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 204 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WILKINSON COUNTY, 205 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF THE 206 JACKSON POINT ROAD BRIDGE IN WILKINSON COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 207 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 208 ASSIST UNION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 209 REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 81 IN UNION 210 COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 211 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 212 IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, RENOVATION, 213 REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT 214 LIVINGSTON PARK IN THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 215 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE 216 CITY OF BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH

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COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIVE-LANING 267 THE PORTION OF GETWELL ROAD FROM LESTER TO PLEASANT HILL ROAD IN 268 269 DESOTO COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 270 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE ASU FOUNDATION, 271 INC., IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRING, RENOVATING, 272 RESTORING, REHABILITATING, PRESERVING, UPGRADING, IMPROVING, 273 FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING THE HISTORIC OAKLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 274 BELLES LETTRES HALL, THE OLD PRESIDENT'S HOME, AND THE HISTORIC 275 OAKLAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 276 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 277 ASSIST THE CITY OF HAZLEHURST, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS 278 ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER/EMERGENCY STORM 279 SHELTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 280 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF 281 LOUISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 282 CONSTRUCTING A ROAD AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE 283 CITY OF LOUISVILLE THAT WILL PROVIDE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO LAND 284 OWNED BY THE CITY DESIGNATED FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 285 ON OR NEAR THE LOCATION OF WINSTON PLYWOOD & VENEER; TO AUTHORIZE 286 THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 287 ASSIST THE TOWN OF EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 288 WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF EUPORA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 289 290 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF FRENCH CAMP, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 291 292 REPAIRS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SEWER SYSTEM, SEWER 293 LAGOON AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 294 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST CHOCTAW 295 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, 296 RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STURGIS ROAD IN CHOCTAW 297 COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 298 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WEBSTER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN 299 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND 300 IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTER - TOMNOLEN ROAD IN WEBSTER COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 301 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST GRENADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING 302 303 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 304 BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD IN GRENADA COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 305 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 306 ASSIST PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 307 WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PONTOTOC COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 308 309 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PONTOTOC 310 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, 311 RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE W. A. GRIST BUILDING; TO AUTHORIZE THE 312 313 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 314 ASSIST PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 315 WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 316 CHANCERY COURT BUILDING AND YOUTH COURT FACILITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE

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367 REPLACEMENT OF WALTER PAYTON FIELD AND RELATED FACILITIES AT 368 COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE 369 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 370 ASSIST WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE EXTENDING FROM THE 371 INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENSION OF WARE STREET AND RELOCATED ST. 372 AUGUSTINE STREET TO PEARSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF PEARL, 373 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 374 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON, 375 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF 376 STORMWATER DRAINAGE CULVERTS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS 377 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING DRAINAGE AND REDUCING THE RISK OF 378 FLOODING IN THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 379 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST 380 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 381 THE OVERLAY OF FISHER ROAD FROM U.S. HIGHWAY 51 TO WILLETTE LANE 382 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 383 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF WINONA, 384 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OVERLAYING ROADS AND 385 STREETS IN THE CITY OF WINONA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF 386 387 DUNCAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE GRADING, 388 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 389 FOR THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY PARK; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 390 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WALTHALL 391 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 392 RENOVATION OF THE WALTHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE 393 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 394 ASSIST THE TOWN OF TYLERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS 395 ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, RESTORATION, FURNISHING AND 396 EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMER WALTHALL 397 HOTEL BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 398 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE 399 CITY OF CHARLESTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 400 CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY OF CHARLESTON 401 SHADE STREET HEALTH COMPLEX; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 402 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TALLAHATCHIE 403 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 404 ACQUISITION OF A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TRANSFER STATION; TO 405 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 406 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF OAKLAND, MISSISSIPPI, IN 407 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND 408 IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF OAKLAND; TO 409 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 410 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN 411 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF STARK ROAD AND 412 HOSPITAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF STARKVILLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 413 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE 414 TOWN OF SEBASTOPOL, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 415 RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO A BUILDING THAT 416 WILL BE THE TOWN'S MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE

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417 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 418 ASSIST THE CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 419 WITH THE ACQUISITION OF TWO MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR SUCH 420 MOTOR VEHICLES, TASERS AND OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF 421 UNION POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 422 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF SEMINARY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 423 424 CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 425 TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE AND/OR SEWER SYSTEM 42.6 INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 427 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF BRANDON, 428 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION AND 429 UPGRADES OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS CITY HALL BUILDING AND RELATED 430 FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PARKING AND RELATED 431 FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 432 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN 433 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT THE 434 TIPPAH COUNTY HOSPITAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 435 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF RIPLEY, 436 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF 437 EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE 438 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 439 ASSIST THE TOWN OF ARTESIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS 440 ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO STORM WATER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVING 441 442 DRAINAGE AND REDUCING THE RISK FOR FLOODING IN THE TOWN OF 443 ARTESIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 444 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A 445 STUDY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS STADIUM FOR JACKSON 446 STATE UNIVERSITY IN DOWNTOWN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE 447 THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS 448 449 ASSOCIATED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS; 450 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 451 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MISSISSIPPI'S TOUGHEST KIDS FOUNDATION 452 IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGN, PREPLANNING, 453 CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF BUILDINGS AND RELATED 454 FACILITIES AT CAMP KAMASSA IN COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND 455 DESIGN, PREPLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 456 INFRASTRUCTURE AT CAMP KAMASSA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 457 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF 458 OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 459 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM 460 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE 461 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ATTALA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 462 463 REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATTALA COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 464 465 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF 466 KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1067 467 UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HUGH ELLARD PARK IN THE CITY OF 468 KOSCIUSKO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 469 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 470 THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE KOSCIUSKO SCHOOL DISTRICT 471 PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 472 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, 473 474 UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HOOPER MILL CREEK ROAD IN LEAKE 475 COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 476 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN 477 PAYING COSTS WITH ASSOCIATED REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES 478 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BATTLE ARENA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 479 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN 480 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES 481 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ITAWAMBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND 482 FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 483 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN 484 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND 485 EQUIPPING OF A COUNTY 911 CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 486 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY 487 OF FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION 488 OF THE CITY'S NATURAL GAS SYSTEM AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; TO 489 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 490 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 491 CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 492 CENTER FOR THE LONG BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 493 494 ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 495 FIREHOUSE FOR THE KOSSUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ALCORN 496 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 497 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF GAUTIER, 498 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF AN 499 AMPHITHEATER AND A SONG WRITERS' MUSEUM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 500 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE 501 CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 502 CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PARK AND WALKING TRAIL; TO 503 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 504 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF D'LO, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION; TO AUTHORIZE 505 506 THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 507 ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE TATE COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO 508 509 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 510 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN 511 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LIGHTING REPAIRS AT THE INTERSTATE 512 55/MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 740 INTERCHANGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 513 OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE 514 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RESURFACING 515 TATE - PANOLA ROAD IN TATE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 516 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1068 517 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN PAYING COSTS 518 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LANES FOR U.S. 519 HIGHWAY 51 NORTH OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 740; TO AUTHORIZE THE 520 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 521 ASSIST THE GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN PAYING COSTS 522 ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS TO GREENWOOD CEMETERY IN JACKSON, 523 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 524 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ENTERPRISES OWNING AND OPERATING 525 CERTAIN HYDROPONIC FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 526 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF 527 BALDWYN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND 528 RENOVATION AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL 529 BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 530 STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE 531 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION 532 AND DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND RECREATIONAL 533 TRAILS AT CHROMCRAFT LAKE IN TATE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 534 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 535 ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS 536 TO THE PORT OF VICKSBURG IN WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO 537 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO 538 PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN 539 PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND 540 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LEVEE SYSTEM PROTECTING THE PHILADELPHIA UTILITIES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO 541 542 AMEND SECTION 41, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO REVISE THE 543 PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF WESSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING CERTAIN COSTS 544 545 ASSOCIATED WITH THE WESSON OLD SCHOOL VISITOR CENTER, MAY BE USED; 546 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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