

By: Representatives Summers, Stamps, Crudup

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 637

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A FLOOD PREVENTION AND CONTROL TASK FORCE
2 FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO SPECIFY THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE;
3 TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THE
4 TASK FORCE TO MAKE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Flood Prevention and
8 Control Task Force for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to
9 examine policies, programs and other issues related to flooding
10 and flood prevention and control throughout the Jackson area.

11 (2) Duties of the task force shall include the following:

12 (a) Review data regarding flooding in the Jackson area;

13 (b) Evaluate current policies regarding flood
14 prevention and control in Jackson; and

15 (c) Develop recommendations for uniform flood
16 prevention and control policies to be used throughout the Jackson
17 area.



18 (3) The task force shall make a report of its findings and
19 recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2021, including
20 any recommended legislation.

21 (4) The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members, as
22 follows:

23 (a) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to
24 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

25 (b) Two (2) members of the Senate to be appointed by
26 the Lieutenant Governor;

27 (c) Three (3) members of the United States Army Corps
28 of Engineers to be designated by the Corps; and

29 (d) Two (2) members of the Public Works Department of
30 the City of Jackson to be designated by the mayor of the city.

31 (5) Legislative appointments shall be made within thirty
32 (30) days after the effective date of this act. Within fifteen
33 (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the
34 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Lieutenant
35 Governor, the task force shall meet and organize by selecting from
36 its membership a chair and a vice chair. The vice chair shall
37 also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all
38 records of the task force. A majority of the members of the task
39 force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers
40 and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative
41 vote of a majority of the task force shall be required. All
42 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and those



43 notices shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date
44 on which a meeting is to be held.

45 (6) The members of the task force who are not legislators
46 shall be compensated at the per diem rate authorized by Section
47 25-3-69 and shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 25-3-41
48 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of
49 their duties. Legislative members of the task force shall be paid
50 from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in
51 the same manner as provided for committee meetings when the
52 Legislature is not in session. However, no per diem or expenses
53 for attending meetings of the task force will be paid to
54 legislative members of the task force while the Legislature is in
55 session. No task force members may incur per diem, travel or
56 other expense unless previously authorized by vote, at a meeting
57 of the task force, which action shall be recorded in the official
58 minutes of the meeting. The nonlegislative members shall be paid
59 from any funds made available to the task force for that purpose.

60 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after its passage.

