## 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.

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

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.

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 1789 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed **\* \* \*** Six Million 1790 Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 1791 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.

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

1800 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 1801 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 1802 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 1803 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 1804 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

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

1813 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 1814 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 1815 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1816 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1817 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1818 1819 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 1820 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may 1821 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 1822 1823 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 1824 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1825 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 1826 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 1827 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 1828 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

1829 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 1830 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.

1837 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)1838 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 1839 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 1840 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 1841 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 1842 1843 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 1844 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 1845 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 1846 1847 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 1848 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 1849 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 1850 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 1851 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

1852 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 1853 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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1854 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 1855 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 1856 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 1857 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.

1863 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1864 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 1865 1866 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 1867 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 1868 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 1869 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 1870 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 1871 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 1872 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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1879 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 1880 bonds.

The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 1881 (10)1882 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 1883 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 1884 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 1885 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 1886 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 1887 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 1888 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 1889 majority of its members.

1890 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)1891 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 1892 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 1893 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 1894 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 1895 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 1896 1897 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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1906 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 1907 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 1908 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 1909 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 1910 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 1911 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 1912 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 1913

1914 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 1915 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 1916 Mississippi.

1917 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 1918 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 1919 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

1920 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)1921 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 1922 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of 1923 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 1924 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 1925 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the The State 1926 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. 1927 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 1928 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 56 R3/5 1929 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates
1930 thereof.

1931 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 1932 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 1933 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 1934 any existing law of this state.

1935 **SECTION 6.** (1) As used in this section, the following words 1936 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 1937 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.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

1947 (2)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 1948 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 1949 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 1950 the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the 1951 1952 adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any 1953

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 57 R3/5 1954 part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this 1955 section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall 1956 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the 1957 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in 1958 its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form 1959 of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the 1960 bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the 1961 bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do 1962 any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 1963 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million 1964 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section 1965 1966 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 1979 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 1980 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 1981 1982 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 1983 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 1984 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 1985 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 1986 commission.

1987 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4)1988 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 1989 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 1990 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 1991 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 1992 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 1993 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 1994 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 1995 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 1996 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 1997 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 1998 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 1999 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 2000 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 2001 2002 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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2003 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 2004 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.

2011 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (6) 2012 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 2013 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 2014 for and accept bids or negotiate sale of the bonds, issue and sell 2015 the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 2016 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 2017 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 2018 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 2019 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 2020 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 2021 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 2022 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 2023 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 2024 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 2025 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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2028 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 2029 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 2030 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 2031 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.

2037 (7)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2038 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2039 2040 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2041 2042 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2043 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2044 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2045 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2046 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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2053 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 2054 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 2055 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 2056 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 2057 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 2058 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 2059 2060 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 2061 majority of its members.

2062 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 2063 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2064 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 2065 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2066 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2067 2068 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2069 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

2077 interest thereon.

2078 (12)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2079 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 2080 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 2081 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 2082 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 2083 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 2084 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 2085 of securing the deposit of public funds.

2086 (13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 2087 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 2088 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 2092 (15)2093 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 2094 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 2095 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 2096 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 2097 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 2098 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 2099 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 2100 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 2101 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 2102 thereof.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 63 R3/5 2103 (16)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 2104 authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this 2105 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 2106 any existing law of this state.

2107 Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is SECTION 7. 2108 amended as follows:

2109 (1) A special fund, to be designated the 39-5-145. 2110 "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is 2111 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 2112 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 2113 and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall 2114 consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any 2115 source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds 2116 designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in 2117 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 2118 State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings 2119 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The 2120 expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the 2121 direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based 2122 upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of 2123 Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State 2124 Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and 2125 Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be 2126 allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this 2127 section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from

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2128 proceeds of state general obligation bonds and are not used within 2129 four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited 2130 into the special fund, then the Department of Finance and 2131 Administration shall provide an accounting of such unused monies 2132 to the State Bond Commission.

2133 (2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and 2134 disbursed as follows:

2135 (a) (i) \* \* \* Fifty-one Million Two Hundred Thousand 2136 Dollars (\$51,200,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as 2137 grants on a reimbursable basis through the Department of Finance 2138 and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of 2139 Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist 2140 county governments, municipal governments, school districts, 2141 universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit 2142 organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt 2143 status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, 2144 repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. 2145 2146 historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties 2147 identified by certified local governments. Where possible, 2148 expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants 2149 or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives 2150 and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal 2151 governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have 2152 obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 65 R3/5 2153 States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those 2154 described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving 2155 monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi 2156 Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding 2157 under the provisions of this section.

2158 (ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 2159 Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants 2160 through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon 2161 the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of 2162 Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay 2163 the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and 2164 renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants 2165 to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a)(ii) shall not 2166 exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

2167 (b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) 2168 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital 2169 2170 improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of 2171 the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is 2172 directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 2173 (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2174 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. 2175 The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount 2176 equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other 2177 than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from

2178 the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of 2179 Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been 2180 withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to 2181 matching funds required by this paragraph.

2182 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be (C) 2183 allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, 2184 Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, 2185 renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing 2186 and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, 2187 Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, 2188 repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, 2189 furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near 2190 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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(f) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be 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.

2212 (h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) 2213 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of 2214 Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with 2215 the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a 2216 building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of 2217 Okolona, for the purpose of establishing a welcome center in which 2218 historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to 2219 2220 the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; 2221 historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; 2222 genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War 2223 Between the States.

(i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall beallocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County,

2226 Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, 2227 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.

2236 (1)Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall 2237 be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of 2238 Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying 2239 costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, 2240 equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez 2241 Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and 2242 (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and 2243 expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, 2244 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.

2260 (p) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage 2261 Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state 2262 general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable 2263 actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department 2264 of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related 2265 to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for 2266 which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may 2267 be made only until such time as the project is completed. An 2268 accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is 2269 sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi 2270 Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable 2271 actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three 2272 percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. 2273 Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to 2274 reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 2275 (3)The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives (a) 2276 and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, 2277 2278 universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit 2279 organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt 2280 status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for 2281 projects associated with the preservation, restoration, 2282 rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic 2283 courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other 2284 historic properties identified by certified local governments. 2285 Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 2286 procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The 2287 board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require 2288 matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this 2289 section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in 2290 subsection (2) (a) (ii), (2) (b), (2) (c), (2) (d), (2) (e), (2) (f), 2291 (2)(q), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives 2292 (b) 2293 and History shall receive and consider proposals from county 2294 governments for projects associated with historically appropriate 2295 restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant 2296 county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance 2297 with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards 2298 developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant 2299

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2300 seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not 2301 apply to projects described in subsection (2) (a) (i), (2) (b), 2302 (2) (c), (2) (d), (2) (e) and (2) (f) of this section.

2303 The Department of Archives and History shall publicize (4)2304 the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in 2305 this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of 2306 the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting 2307 projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding 2308 under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the 2309 deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. 2310 The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography 2311 2312 and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not 2313 apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), 2314 (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 2325 properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of 2326 the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic

2327 Properties."

2328 SECTION 8. (1) As used in this section, the following words 2329 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 2330 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.

2340 (2)(a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for 2341 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 2342 2343 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-701. 2344 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 2345 Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 2346 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 2347 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 2348 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 2349 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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2350 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 2351 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 2352 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 2353 2354 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 2355 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 2356 section shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). 2357 No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 2358 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.

2365 (3)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 2366 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 2367 2368 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 2369 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 2370 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 2371 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 2372 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 2373 2374 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 74 R3/5

2375 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 2376 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 2377 commission.

2378 (4)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 2379 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 2380 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 2381 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 2382 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 2383 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 2384 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 2385 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 2386 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 2387 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 2388 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 2389 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 2390 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 2391 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 2392 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 2393 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 2394 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 2395 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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2400 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 2401 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

2402 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (6) bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 2403 2404 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 2405 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 2406 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 2407 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 2408 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 2409 2410 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 2411 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 2412 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission 2413 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 2414 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 2415 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All 2416 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 2417

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.

2429 (7)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2430 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 2431 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2432 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 2433 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2434 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2435 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2436 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2437 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2438 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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2455 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 2456 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2457 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 2458 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2459 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2460 2461 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2462 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

2463 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (11)2464 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 2465 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 2466 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 2467 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 2468 performance of all duties required by this section to be 2469 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 2470 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

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2474 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 2475 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 2476 2477 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 2478 of securing the deposit of public funds.

2479 (13)Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 2480 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 2481 Mississippi.

2482 (14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 2483 shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including 2484 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

2485 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (15)2486 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 2487 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 2488 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 2489 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 2490 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 2491 2492 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 2493 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 2494 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 2495 thereof.

2496 (16)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this 2497

2498 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 2499 any existing law of this state.

2500 SECTION 9. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2501 amended as follows:

2502 57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the 2503 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 2504 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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2528 (2)(a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a 2529 special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development 2530 Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the 2531 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source 2532 designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts 2533 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 2534 into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or 2535 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the 2536 credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make 2537 grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

2538 (b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds 2539 of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, 2540 2541 Laws of 2019, \* \* \* Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or 2542 Section 8 of this act, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual 2543 and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the 2544 various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered 2545 by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which 2546 reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement 2547 of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 2548 percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements 2549 under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law 2550 requirements.

2551 (3)(a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to 2552 eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with 2553 improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property 2554 for industrial economic development purposes and other property 2555 improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to 2556 MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in 2557 this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this 2558 section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by 2559 Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or MDA. 2560 in-kind services as determined by MDA.

2561 An eligible entity desiring assistance under this (b) 2562 section must submit an application to MDA. The application must 2563 include:

2564 A description of the eligible expenditures for (i) which assistance is requested; 2565

The amount of assistance requested;

2567 The amount and type of matching funds to be (iii) 2568 provided by the eligible entity; and

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(iv) Any other information required by MDA. 2570 Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall (C) provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or 2571

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2572 plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity 2573 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.

2583 SECTION 10. (1) As used in this section, the following 2584 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 2585 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.

2594 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

2595 (2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, 2596 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for

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(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.

2620 (3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized2621 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this

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2633 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4)2634 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 2635 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 2636 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 2637 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 2638 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 2639 2640 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 2641 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 2642 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 2643 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 2644 2645 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 2646 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.

2657 (6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 2658 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 2659 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 2660 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 2661 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 2662 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 2663 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 2664 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 2665 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 2666 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 2667 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission 2668 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 2669 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 2670 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All

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2671 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable 2672 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.

2684 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (7)2685 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 2686 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 2687 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 2688 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 2689 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 2690 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 2691 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 2692 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 2693 this subsection.

2694 (8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 2695 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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2701 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 2702 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 2703 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 2704 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 2705 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 2706 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 2707 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 2708 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 2709 majority of its members.

2710 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 2711 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 2712 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 2713 2714 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 2715 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 2716 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 2717 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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2726 (12)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 2727 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 2728 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 2729 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 2730 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 2731 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 2732 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 2733 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

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2746 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 2747 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 2748 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 2749 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 2750 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.

2755 **SECTION 11.** Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2756 amended as follows:

2757 57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the 2758 credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the 2759 Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of \* \* \* Three Hundred Ninety-seven 2760 2761 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$397,500,000.00), not 2762 including monies borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or 2763 replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes 2764 of this chapter. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes 2765 which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set 2766 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general 2767 obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued, from time to time, to provide monies necessary to carry out the

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2771 purposes of this chapter for such total amounts, in such form, in 2772 such denominations payable in such currencies (either domestic or 2773 foreign, or both) and subject to such terms and conditions of 2774 issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of 2775 payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds 2776 shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments 2777 beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and 2778 extending not more than thirty (30) years from date thereof.

(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.

2790 (5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be 2791 exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

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

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2796 (7) The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for 2797 the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of this chapter and then 2798 2799 outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the 2800 outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of 2801 issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any call 2802 date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and 2803 other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the 2804 duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be 2805 governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be 2806 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.

2811 (9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after 2812 April 9, 2002, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority 2813 2814 for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial 2815 incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting 2816 of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall 2817 be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. 2818 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not 2819 exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued.

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2820 Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable 2821 federal tax law requirements.

2822 SECTION 12. Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2823 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.

2831 (2) [Repealed]

2832 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the (3)2833 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize the 2834 monies transferred from the Housing Development Revolving Loan 2835 Fund and not more than \* \* \* One Hundred Four Million One Hundred 2836 Thousand Dollars (\$104,100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds 2837 authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making 2838 grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public 2839 facilities grant and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related 2840 improvements as determined by the Mississippi Development 2841 Authority, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, 2842 construction or repair and renovation of public facilities. Anv 2843 bonds previously issued for the Development Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have not been loaned or applied for 2844 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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FI (H)WM) R3/5 are eligible to be administered as grants or loans. In making grants and loans under this section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants and loans among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic 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.

2855 (4) [Repealed]

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2856 The Mississippi Development Authority may establish (5)(a) 2857 a Capital Access Program and may contract with any financial 2858 institution to participate in the program upon such terms and 2859 conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. 2860 The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve 2861 accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program 2862 and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower 2863 to such loss reserve accounts. All monies in such loss reserve 2864 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
rules and regulations adopted by the authority and be protected
against losses from such loans as provided in the program. Under
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2874 Under the Capital Access Program a participating (C) 2875 financial institution may make a loan that is secured by the 2876 assignment of the proceeds of a contract between the borrower and 2877 a public entity if the Mississippi Development Authority 2878 determines the loan to be qualified under the rules and 2879 regulations adopted by the authority. Under such rules and 2880 regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development 2881 Authority, a participating financial institution may submit an 2882 application to the authority requesting that a loan secured 2883 pursuant to this paragraph be funded under the Capital Access 2884 Program.

2885 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to 2886 the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize 2887 not more than One Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 2888 (\$1,550,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be 2889 issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan 2890 loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that 2891 participate in the Capital Access Program established by the 2892 Mississippi Development Authority; however, any portion of the 2893 bond proceeds authorized to be utilized by this paragraph that are 2894 not utilized for making payments to loss reserve accounts may be 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 95 R3/5

2895 utilized by the Mississippi Development Authority to advance funds 2896 to financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access 2897 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.

2905 (7)Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 2906 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not 2907 more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the 2908 2909 purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the 2910 resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the 2911 community and junior colleges, the Mississippi Development 2912 Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic 2913 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 the purpose of providing assistance to municipalities that have received Community Development Block Grant funds for repair,

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renovation and other improvements to buildings for use as community centers. Assistance provided to a municipality under this subsection shall be used by the municipality to match such Community Development Block Grant funds. The maximum amount of assistance that may be provided to a municipality under this subsection shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

2927 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the (9) 2928 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) out of the proceeds 2929 2930 of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose 2931 of assisting in paying the costs of constructing a new spillway 2932 and related bridge and dam structures at Lake Mary in Wilkinson 2933 County, Mississippi, including construction of a temporary dam and 2934 diversion canal, removing existing structures, removing and 2935 stockpiling riprap, spillway construction, dam embankment 2936 construction, road access, constructing bridges and related 2937 structures, design and construction engineering and field testing.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in providing water and sewer and other infrastructure services in the Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties area.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 97 R3/5 2945 **SECTION 13.** Section 65-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2946 amended as follows:

2947 65-4-25. The Mississippi Development Authority, acting through its executive director, is authorized, at one time or from 2948 2949 time to time, to declare by resolution the necessity for issuance 2950 of negotiable general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 2951 to provide funds for the Economic Development Highway Fund established in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon 2952 2953 the adoption of a resolution by the Executive Director of the 2954 Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the 2955 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds 2956 authorized by Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code 2957 of 1972, the executive director shall deliver a certified copy of 2958 his resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon 2959 receipt of the resolution, the State Bond Commission, in its 2960 discretion, shall act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of 2961 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for the sale of the 2962 bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the 2963 bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do 2964 any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 2965 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The principal amount of 2966 bonds issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi 2967 Code of 1972, shall not exceed \* \* \* Three Hundred Ninety-one 2968 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$391,500,000.00) in the aggregate. However, an additional amount of bonds may be issued 2969 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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2970 under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, 2971 in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and the proceeds of any such additional bonds issued shall be used 2972 2973 to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined 2974 in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(vi), Mississippi Code of 1972. An 2975 additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 2976 through 65-4-45, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars 2977 (\$1,000,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be used to provide 2978 funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 2979 65-4-5(1)(c)(v).

2980 SECTION 14. Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as 2981 amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, Laws of 2010 Second 2982 Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 301, Laws 2983 of 2011, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as 2984 amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 2011 First Extraordinary 2985 Session, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, is 2986 amended as follows:

2987 Section 25. (1) As used in this section, the following 2988 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 2989 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

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

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

2999 (2)The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, (a) 3000 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for 3001 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 3002 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-221. 3003 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 3004 Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 3005 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 3006 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified 3007 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon 3008 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 3009 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3010 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3011 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 3012 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 3013 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 3014 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 3015 section shall not exceed \* \* \* Five Hundred Four Million Dollars 3016 (\$504,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025. 3017

3018 (b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this
3019 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Industry Incentive
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Financing Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-221. 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.

3025 (3)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3026 3027 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3028 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3029 3030 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3031 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3032 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3033 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3034 3035 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3036 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3037 commission.

3038 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4) 3039 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3040 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3041 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3042 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3043 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3044 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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FI (H)WM) R3/5 3045 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3046 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3047 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3048 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3049 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3050 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3051 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3052 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3053 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 3054 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3055 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.

3062 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (6)3063 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3064 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3065 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 3066 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 3067 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 3068 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 3069 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to

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3077 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3078 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 3079 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 3080 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 3081 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 3082 commission.

3083 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 3084 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 3085 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 3086 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 3087 dates named therein.

3088 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (7)3089 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3090 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3091 3092 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3093 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3094 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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3095 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3096 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3097 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3098 (8)3099 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 3100 such sale or sales to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221. The proceeds of such 3101 3102 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi 3103 Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3104 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3105 bonds.

3106 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (9)3107 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3108 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3109 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3110 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3111 3112 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3113 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3114 majority of its members.

3115 (10)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3116 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3117 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 3118 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3119 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 104 R3/5

3120 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 3121 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3122 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3123 (11)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3124 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 3125 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3126 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3127 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 3128 performance of all duties required by this section to be 3129 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon. 3130

3131 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (12)3132 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3133 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3134 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3135 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3136 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3137 3138 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3139 (13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3140 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3141 Mississippi.

3142 (14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3143 shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including 3144 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 105 R3/5 3145 (15)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3146 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 3147 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3148 3149 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 3150 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3151 3152 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3153 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3154 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3155 thereof.

3156 (16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3157 authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this 3158 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3159 any existing law of this state.

3160 **SECTION 15.** (1) As used in this section, the following 3161 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3162 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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3170 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 3171 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 3172 (a) (i) Lawrence County N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge Fund," is created within 3173 3174 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 3175 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 3176 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 3177 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 3178 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 3179 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.

3185 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 3186 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3187 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3188 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3189 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3190 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3191 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3192 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3193 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 3194

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 107 R3/5 3195 (C)The Department of Finance and Administration, 3196 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 3197 3198 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 3199 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3200 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3201 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3202 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3203 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 3204 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 3205 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

3206 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 3207 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3208 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3209 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 3210 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3211 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3212 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3213 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3214 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3215 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3216 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3217 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3218 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 3219

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3225 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 3226 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3227 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 3228 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3229 bonds.

3230 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3231 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3232 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3233 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3234 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3235 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3236 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3237 3238 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3239 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3240 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3241 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3242 commission.

3243 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 3244 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and

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3245 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3246 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3247 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3248 3249 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3250 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3251 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3252 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3253 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3254 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3255 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3256 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3257 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3258 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 3259 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3260 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.

3267 (7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 3268 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 3269 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds,

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3270 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 3271 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 3272 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 3273 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3274 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 3275 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 3276 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 3277 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 3278 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 3279 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3280 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3281 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 3282 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

3283 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one 3284 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 3285 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 3286 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 3287 selected by the commission.

3288 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 3289 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 3290 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 3291 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 3292 dates named therein.

3293 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3294 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 111 R3/5 3295 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3296 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3297 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3298 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3299 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3300 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3301 3302 this subsection.

3303 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 3304 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 3305 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3306 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3307 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3308 3309 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3310 bonds.

3311 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3312 3313 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3314 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3315 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3316 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3317 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3318 majority of its members. 3319

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3320 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3321 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3322 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 3323 3324 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3325 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3326 3327 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3328 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3329 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 3330 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3331 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3332 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 3333 3334 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3335 interest thereon.

3336 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3337 3338 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3339 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3340 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3341 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3342 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 3343

3344 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3345 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3346 Mississippi.

3347 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3348 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3349 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

3350 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)3351 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3352 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3353 3354 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3355 3356 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3357 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3358 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3359 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3360 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.

3365 **SECTION 16.** (1) As used in this section, the following 3366 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3367 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.

3375 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

3376 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

3377 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 3378 Marshall County Emergency Response Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 3379 3380 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 3381 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 3382 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 3383 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 3384 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 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.

3392 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 3393 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3394 3395 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3396 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3397 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3398 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3399 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3400 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3401 directed by the commission.

3402 (C) The Department of Finance and Administration, 3403 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 3404 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 3405 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 3406 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3407 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3408 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3409 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3410 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 3411 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 3412 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 3413 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3414 3415 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

3416 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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3417 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3418 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3419 3420 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3421 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3422 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3423 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3424 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3425 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3426 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3427 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 3428 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3429 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million 3430 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 3431 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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3442 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3443 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3444 3445 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3446 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3447 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3448 3449 commission.

3450 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 3451 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3452 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3453 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3454 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3455 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3456 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3457 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3458 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3459 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3460 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3461 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3462 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3463 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3464 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3465

3466 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3467 the State of Mississippi.

All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 3468 (6) 3469 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 3470 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 3471 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 3472 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 3473 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

3474 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)3475 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 3476 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 3477 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 3478 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 3479 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 3480 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3481 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 3482 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 3483 3484 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 3485 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 3486 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3487 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3488 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

3489 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3490 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one

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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.

3500 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3501 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3502 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3503 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3504 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3505 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3506 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3507 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3508 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3509 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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3518 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)3519 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3520 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3521 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 3522 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3523 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3524 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3525 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3526 majority of its members.

3527 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)3528 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 3529 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3530 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 3531 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 3532 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3533 3534 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

3535 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3536 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 3537 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3538 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3539 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 3540

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3541 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3542 interest thereon.

3543 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3544 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3545 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3546 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3547 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3548 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3549 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3550 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3551 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3552 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3553 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.

3557 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)3558 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3559 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 3560 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3561 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 3562 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3563 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3564 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3565 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 122 R3/5

3566 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3567 thereof.

3568 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3569 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3570 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3571 any existing law of this state.

3572 SECTION 17. Section 5, Chapter 454, Laws of 2019, as amended 3573 by Section 130, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as 3574 follows:

3575 Section 5. (1) As used in this section, the following words 3576 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 3577 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.

3587 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2019 3588 Concourse Workforce Training Center," is created within the State 3589 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 3590 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 123 R3/5 3591 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 3592 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 3593 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 3594 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.

3601 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 3602 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3603 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3604 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3605 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3606 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3607 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3608 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 3609 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3610 directed by the commission.

3611 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 3612 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3613 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3614 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 3615 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FL (H)WM

3616 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3617 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3618 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3619 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3620 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3621 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3622 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3623 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3624 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3625 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3626 3627 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed \* \* \* Five 3628 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 3629 this section after July 1, 2023.

3630 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into (b) 3631 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3632 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 3633 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3634 bonds.

3635 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)3636 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3637 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 3638 3639 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3640 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 125

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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.

3648 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 3649 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3650 3651 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3652 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3653 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3654 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3655 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3656 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3657 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 3658 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3659 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 3660 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3661 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3662 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3663 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 3664 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3665 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.

3672 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)3673 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 3674 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 3675 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 3676 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 3677 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 3678 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 3679 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 3680 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 3681 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 3682 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 3683 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 3684 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 3685 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 3686 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 3687 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one \* \* \* time, not less 3688

3689 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so

90 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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3691 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 3692 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.

3698 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3699 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3700 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3701 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3702 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3703 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3704 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 3705 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3706 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 3707 this subsection.

3708 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3709 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 3710 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3711 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3712 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 3713 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3714 3715 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 128 R3/5 3716 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 3717 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3718 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3719 3720 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 3721 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3722 3723 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3724 majority of its members.

3725 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 3726 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3727 3728 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 3729 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 3730 3731 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 3732 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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3740 interest thereon.

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3741 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3742 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3743 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3744 3745 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3746 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3747 3748 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3749 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3750 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3751 Mississippi.

3752 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3753 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3754 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 3755 (16)3756 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3757 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3758 3759 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 3760 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3761 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3762 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3763 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3764 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3765 thereof.

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3766 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3767 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3768 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3769 any existing law of this state.

3770 **SECTION 18.** (1) As used in this section, the following 3771 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3772 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. 3781 (C) 3782 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Longleaf Trace Improvements Fund," is created within the State 3783 3784 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 3785 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 3786 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 3787 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 3788 the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 3789

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

3796 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 3797 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 3798 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 3799 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 3800 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 3801 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 3802 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 3803 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 3804 3805 directed by the commission.

3806 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C) acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 3807 3808 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 3809 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 3810 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 3811 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 3812 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 3813 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 3814 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 132 R3/5

3815 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 3816 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 3817 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 3818 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 3819 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 3820 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 3821 3822 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 3823 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 3824 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 3825 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 3826 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 3827 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 3828 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 3829 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 3830 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 3831 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 3832 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 3833 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 3834 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 3835 this section after July 1, 2025.

3836 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 3837 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 3838 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

3839 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 3840 bonds.

The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 3841 (4)3842 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 3843 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 3844 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 3845 3846 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 3847 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 3848 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 3849 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 3850 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 3851 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 3852 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 3853 commission.

3854 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 3855 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 3856 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 3857 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 3858 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 3859 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 3860 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 3861 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 3862 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 3863 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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3864 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 3865 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 3866 3867 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 3868 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 3869 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 3870 3871 the State of Mississippi.

3872 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6)3873 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 3874 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 3875 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 3876 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 3877 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

3878 (7)The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the 3879 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 3880 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 3881 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 3882 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 3883 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 3884 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 3885 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 3886 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 3887 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. 3888 The commission may

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3889 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 3890 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 3891 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 3892 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

3893 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 3894 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one 3895 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 3896 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 3897 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 3898 selected by the commission.

3899 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 3900 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 3901 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 3902 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 3903 dates named therein.

3904 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3905 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 3906 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 3907 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 3908 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 3909 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 3910 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 3911 3912 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 3913

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3914 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 3915 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 3916 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 3917 3918 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 3919 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 3920 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 3921 bonds.

3922 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)3923 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 3924 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 3925 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 3926 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 3927 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 3928 3929 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 3930 majority of its members.

3931 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)3932 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 3933 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 3934 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 3935 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 3936 3937 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 3938 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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3939 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 3940 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 3941 3942 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 3943 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 3944 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 3945 3946 interest thereon.

3947 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 3948 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 3949 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 3950 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 3951 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 3952 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 3953 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 3954 of securing the deposit of public funds.

3955 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 3956 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 3957 Mississippi.

3958 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 3959 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 3960 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

3961 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 3962 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 3963 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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3964 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 3965 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 3966 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 3967 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 3968 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 3969 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 3970 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 3971 thereof.

3972 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 3973 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 3974 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 3975 any existing law of this state.

3976 SECTION 19. Section 106, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 3977 amended to read as follows:

3978 Section 106. (1) As used in this section, the following 3979 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 3980 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.

3988 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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3989 (C)"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 3990 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) (i) East Metro Corridor Project Fund," is created within the State 3991 3992 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 3993 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 3994 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 3995 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 3996 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 3997 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.

4004 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 4005 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4006 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4007 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4008 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4009 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4010 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4011 4012 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 4013

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 140 R3/5 4014 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 4015 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4016 4017 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4018 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4019 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4020 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4021 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4022 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4023 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4024 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4025 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4026 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4027 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4028 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4029 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4030 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed \* \* \* Five 4031 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00). No bonds 4032 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. 4038 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4039 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4040 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4041 4042 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4043 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4044 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4045 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4046 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4047 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4048 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4049 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4050 commission.

4051 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)4052 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4053 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4054 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4055 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4056 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4057 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4058 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4059 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4060 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4061 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4062

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4063 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4064 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4065 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4066 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4067 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4068 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.

4075 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)4076 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 4077 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 4078 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 4079 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 4080 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 4081 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 4082 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 4083 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 4084 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 4085 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 4086 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 4087

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 143 R3/5 4088 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 4089 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 4101 (8) 4102 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4103 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4104 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4105 4106 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4107 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4108 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4109 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4110 this subsection.

4111 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4112 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 144 R3/5 4113 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4114 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4115 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4116 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4117 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4118 bonds.

4119 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)4120 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4121 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 4122 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 4123 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4124 4125 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4126 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4127 majority of its members.

4128 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 4129 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4130 4131 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4132 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4133 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4134 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4135 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4136 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4137 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 145 R3/5 4138 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4139 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4140 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4141 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4142 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4143 interest thereon.

4144 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4145 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4146 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4147 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4148 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4149 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4150 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4151 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 146 (S)FI (H)WM 4163 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4164 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 4165 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4166 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 4167 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4168 thereof.

4169 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4170 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4171 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4172 any existing law of this state.

4173 **SECTION 20.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4174 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4175 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.

4183 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. 4184 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 4185 (a) (i) Yazoo County Highway 49 Frontage Road Repair Fund," is created 4186 4187 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4188 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 4189 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 4190 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 4191 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4192 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 Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the U.S. Highway 49 Frontage Road.

4198 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 4199 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4200 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4201 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4202 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4203 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4204 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4205 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4206 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4207 directed by the commission.

4208 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration, 4209 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 4210 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 4211 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4212 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The

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4213 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4214 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 4215 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 4216 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 4217 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 4218 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 4219 (3) (a) 4220 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4221 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4222 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4223 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4224 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4225 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4226 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4227 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4228 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4229 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4230 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4231 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4232 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4233 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4234 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Three 4235 4236 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 4237

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4238 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 4239 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 4240 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 4241 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 4242 bonds.

4243 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4244 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4245 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4246 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4247 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4248 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4249 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4250 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4251 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4252 4253 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4254 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4255 commission.

4256 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 4257 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4258 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4259 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4260 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4261 4262 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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)FI (H)WM R3/5 4263 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4264 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4265 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4266 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4267 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4268 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4269 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4270 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4271 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 4272 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4273 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.

4280 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)4281 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4282 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4283 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4284 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4285 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 4286 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 4287 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and

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4288 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 4289 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4290 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4291 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4292 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4293 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4294 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.

4306 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4307 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4308 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4309 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4310 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4311 4312 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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4313 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4314 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4315 this subsection.

4316 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4317 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4318 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4319 4320 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4321 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4322 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4323 bonds.

4324 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 4325 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4326 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 4327 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 4328 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4329 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4330 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4331 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4332 majority of its members.

4333 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 4334 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4335 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4336 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4337 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 153 R3/5

4338 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4339 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4340 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4341 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4342 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4343 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4344 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4345 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4346 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4347 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon. 4348

4349 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)4350 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4351 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4352 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4353 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4354 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4355 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4356 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.

4360 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
4361 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
4362 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

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4363 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 4364 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4365 4366 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4367 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4368 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4369 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 4370 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4371 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 4372 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4373 thereof.

4374 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4375 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4376 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4377 any existing law of this state.

4378 **SECTION 21.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4379 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4380 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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4388 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 4389 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 4390 (a) (i) 4391 Commerce Park Connector Fund," is created within the State 4392 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 4393 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 4394 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 4395 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 4396 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 4397 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,
right-of-way acquisition, construction and development of the
Commerce Park Connector project from Lake Harbour Drive to
Highland Colony Parkway in Madison County, Mississippi.

4405 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 4406 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4407 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4408 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4409 in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4410 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4411 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4412 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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4413 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4414 directed by the commission.

4415 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 4416 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4417 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4418 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4419 4420 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4421 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4422 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4423 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4424 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4425 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4426 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4427 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4428 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4429 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4430 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4431 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million 4432 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 4433 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

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4437 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 4438 bonds.

The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4439 (4)4440 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4441 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4442 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4443 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4444 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4445 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4446 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4447 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4448 4449 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4450 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4451 commission.

4452 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 4453 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4454 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4455 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4456 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4457 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4458 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 4459 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 of 4460 4461 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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4462 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4463 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4464 4465 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4466 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4467 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4468 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4469 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.

4476 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 4477 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 4478 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 4479 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 4480 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 4481 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 4482 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 4483 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 4484 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 4485 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 4486 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

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4487 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 4488 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 4489 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 4490 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.

4502 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4503 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4504 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4505 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4506 4507 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4508 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4509 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4510 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 4511

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4512 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4513 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4514 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4515 4516 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4517 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4518 4519 bonds.

4520 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)4521 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4522 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 4523 4524 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4525 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4526 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4527 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4528 majority of its members.

4529 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)4530 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 4531 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4532 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4533 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4534 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4535 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 4536 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4537 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4538 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4539 4540 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4541 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4542 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4543 4544 interest thereon.

4545 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4546 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4547 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4548 4549 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4550 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4551 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4552 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.

4559 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
4560 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
4561 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 162 R3/5 4562 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4563 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4564 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4565 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State 4566 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 4567 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to 4568 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4569 thereof.

4570 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4571 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4572 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4573 any existing law of this state.

4574 **SECTION 22.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4575 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4576 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.

4584 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.4585 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 163 R3/5 4586 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Yellow Creek Port Medical Clinic Fund," is created within the 4587 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 4588 4589 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 4590 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 4591 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 4592 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4593 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

4594 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
4595 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
4596 Administration, to assist the Yellow Creek State Inland Port in
4597 paying costs associated with the construction of a medical clinic.

4598 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 4599 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4600 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 4601 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4602 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 4603 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4604 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4605 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4606 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4607 directed by the commission.

4608 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration,
4609 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
4610 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and

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4611 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4612 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 4613 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4614 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 4615 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 4616 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 4617 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 4618 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 4619 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 4620 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4621 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4622 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4623 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4624 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4625 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 4626 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4627 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 4628 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4629 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4630 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4631 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4632 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4633 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4634 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred 4635

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4636 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued 4637 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.

4643 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4644 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4645 4646 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4647 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4648 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4649 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4650 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4651 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 4652 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4653 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4654 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4655 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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4661 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4662 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4663 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4664 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4665 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4666 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4667 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4668 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4669 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4670 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4671 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4672 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4673 the State of Mississippi.

4674 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 4675 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 4676 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 4677 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 4678 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 4679 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4680 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)4681 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4682 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4683 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4684 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4685 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all

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4686 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 4687 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 4688 4689 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4690 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4691 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4692 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4693 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4694 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.

4706 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4707 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4708 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4709 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4710 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 168 R3/5

4711 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4712 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4713 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4714 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4715 this subsection.

4716 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 4717 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4718 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4719 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4720 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4721 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4722 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4723 bonds.

4724 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)4725 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 4726 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 4727 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4728 4729 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4730 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4731 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4732 majority of its members.

4733 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
4734 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
4735 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
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4736 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 4737 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4738 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4739 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4740 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4741 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 4742 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4743 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4744 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4745 4746 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4747 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4748 interest thereon.

4749 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)4750 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4751 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4752 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 4753 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4754 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4755 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4756 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4757 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4758 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4759 Mississippi.

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4760 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 4761 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 4762 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4763 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)4764 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4765 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4766 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4767 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4768 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4769 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 4770 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4771 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 4772 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4773 thereof.

4774 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4775 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4776 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4777 any existing law of this state.

4778 **SECTION 23.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4779 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4780 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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4785 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 4786 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 4787 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 4789 (C) 4790 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 4791 Prentiss County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the 4792 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 4793 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 4794 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 4795 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 4796 4797 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

4798 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
4799 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
4800 Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Prentiss
4801 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the
4802 replacement of Bridges 114 and 115 on County Road 4050 and Bridge
4803 147 on County Road 5250.

4804 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 4805 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 4806 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 4807 4808 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 4809 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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4810 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 4811 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 4812 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 4813 directed by the commission.

4814 The Department of Finance and Administration, (C) 4815 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 4816 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 4817 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 4818 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 4819 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 4820 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 4821 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 4822 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 4823 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 4824 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

4825 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 4826 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 4827 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 4828 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 4829 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 4830 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 4831 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 4832 4833 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 4834

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4835 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 4836 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 4837 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 4838 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 4839 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 4840 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 4841 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 4842 4843 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.

4849 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 4850 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 4851 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 4852 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 4853 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 4854 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 4855 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 4856 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 4857 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 4858 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 4859

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 4860 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 4861 commission.

4862 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 4863 4864 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 4865 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 4866 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 4867 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 4868 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 4869 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 4870 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 4871 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 4872 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 4873 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 4874 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 4875 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 4876 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 4877 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 4878 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 4879 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 175 4884 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 4885 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4886 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)4887 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 4888 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 4889 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 4890 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 4891 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 4892 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 4893 4894 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 4895 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 4896 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 4897 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 4898 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 4899 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 4900 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.

4907 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 4908 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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4909 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 4910 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 4911 dates named therein.

4912 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4913 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 4914 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 4915 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 4916 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 4917 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 4918 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 4919 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 4920 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 4921 this subsection.

4922 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 4923 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 4924 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 4925 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 4926 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 4927 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 4928 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 4929 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 177 R3/5 4934 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 4935 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 4936 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 4937 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 4938 majority of its members.

4939 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 4940 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 4941 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 4942 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 4943 4944 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 4945 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 4946 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

4947 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)4948 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 4949 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 4950 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 4951 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 4952 performance of all duties required by this section to be 4953 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 4954 interest thereon.

4955 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 4956 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 4957 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 4958 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

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4959 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 4960 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 4961 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 4962 of securing the deposit of public funds.

4963 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 4964 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 4965 Mississippi.

4966 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 4967 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 4968 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4969 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 4970 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 4971 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 4972 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 4973 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 4974 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 4975 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 4976 4977 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 4978 4979 thereof.

4980 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 4981 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 4982 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 4983 any existing law of this state.

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4984 **SECTION 24.** (1) As used in this section, the following 4985 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 4986 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.

4995 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)4996 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 4997 West Point Street Paving Fund," is created within the State 4998 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 4999 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 5000 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 5001 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 5002 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 5003 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

5004 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 5005 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 5006 Administration, to assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in 5007 paying costs associated with the paving of city streets.

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5008 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 5009 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5010 5011 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5012 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 5013 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5014 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5015 5016 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5017 directed by the commission.

5018 (C) The Department of Finance and Administration, 5019 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 5020 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 5021 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 5022 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The 5023 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 5024 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 5025 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 5026 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 5027 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 5028 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee. 5029 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5030 5031 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5032 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

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5033 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5034 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5035 5036 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5037 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5038 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5039 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5040 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5041 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5042 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5043 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5044 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5045 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 5046 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 5047 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.

5053 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 5054 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5055 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5056 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5057 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 182 R3/5 5058 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5059 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5060 5061 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5062 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5063 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5064 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5065 commission.

5066 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 5067 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5068 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5069 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5070 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5071 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5072 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5073 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5074 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5075 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5076 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5077 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5078 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5079 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5080 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5081 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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5082 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5083 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.

5090 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)5091 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 5092 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 5093 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 5094 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 5095 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 5096 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 5097 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 5098 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 5099 5100 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 5101 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 5102 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 5103 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 5104 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

5105 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 5106 of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI PAGE 184 (S)FI 5107 time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 5108 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 5109 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 5110 selected by the commission.

5111 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5112 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5113 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5114 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5115 dates named therein.

5116 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5117 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 5118 5119 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 5120 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5121 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5122 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5123 5124 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5125 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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The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 5134 (10)5135 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5136 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5137 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 5138 5139 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5140 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5141 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5142 majority of its members.

5143 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)5144 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5145 5146 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5147 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5148 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5149 5150 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

5151 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5152 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 5153 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5154 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 5155 performance of all duties required by this section to be 5156

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5157 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5158 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5159 5160 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5161 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5162 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5163 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5164 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5165 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 5166

5167 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5168 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5169 Mississippi.

5170 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5171 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5172 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5173 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)5174 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5175 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 5176 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5177 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5178 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5179 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5180 5181 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 187 R3/5

5182 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5183 thereof.

5184 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5185 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5186 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5187 any existing law of this state.

5188 SECTION 25. Section 112, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 5189 amended to read as follows:

5190 Section 112. (1) As used in this section, the following 5191 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5192 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.

5200 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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5201 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

5202 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 5203 Lowndes County Manufactures Drive Extension Fund" is created 5204 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 5205 5206 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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5207 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 5208 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 5209 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

5210 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 5211 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 5212 Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes 5213 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension 5214 of Manufactures Drive from its current southern terminus to extend 5215 first to the east and then northward to interconnect with Artesia Road at a location east of the current intersection of 5216 Manufactures Drive and Artesia Road, provided that such funds may 5217 5218 also be used to fund the acquisition of any right-of-way, if 5219 necessary, for such roadway extension, together with any striping 5220 and/or signage associated therewith.

5221 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 5222 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5223 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5224 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5225 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 5226 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5227 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5228 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5229 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5230 directed by the commission.

5231 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 5232 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5233 5234 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 5235 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5236 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 5237 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5238 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5239 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5240 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5241 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5242 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5243 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 5244 5245 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5246 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5247 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed **\* \* \*** Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 5248 5249 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. 5255 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 5256 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5257 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5258 5259 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 5260 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5261 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 5262 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5263 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5264 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5265 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5266 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5267 commission.

5268 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)5269 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5270 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5271 5272 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5273 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5274 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5275 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5276 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5277 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 5278 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5279

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5280 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5281 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5282 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5283 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 5284 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5285 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.

5292 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)5293 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 5294 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 5295 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 5296 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 5297 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 5298 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 5299 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 5300 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 5301 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 5302 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 5303 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 5304

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5305 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 5306 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.

5313 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5314 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5315 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5316 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5317 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5318 (8) 5319 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 5320 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 5321 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5322 5323 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5324 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 5325 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5326 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5327 this subsection.

5328 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 5329 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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5336 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)5337 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5338 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5339 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 5340 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5341 5342 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5343 5344 majority of its members.

5345 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 5346 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5347 5348 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5349 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5350 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 5351 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5352 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

5353 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5354 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 194 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.

5361 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5362 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5363 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5364 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5365 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5366 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5367 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 5368

5369 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5370 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5371 Mississippi.

5372 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5373 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5374 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5375 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 5376 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5377 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 5378 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5379 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due

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5380 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5381 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 5382 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5383 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 5384 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5385 thereof.

5386 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5387 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5388 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5389 any existing law of this state.

5390 SECTION 26. (1) As used in this section, the following 5391 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5392 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.

5402 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 5403 Neshoba County Road 210 Bridge Repairs and Improvements Fund," is 5404 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained

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5405 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 5406 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 5407 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 5408 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 5409 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.

5415 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5416 5417 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 5418 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5419 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 5420 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 5421 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5422 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 5423 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5424 directed by the commission.

5425 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration, 5426 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 5427 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 5428 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the 5429 expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 197 R3/5 5430 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 5431 under the direction of the Department of Finance and 5432 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 5433 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 5434 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director 5435 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

5436 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 5437 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5438 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5439 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 5440 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5441 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 5442 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5443 5444 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5445 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5446 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5447 5448 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5449 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5450 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5451 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5452 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 5453 this section after July 1, 2025. 5454

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 198 R3/5 5455 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 5456 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 5457 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 5458 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 5459 bonds.

5460 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5461 5462 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5463 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5464 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 5465 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5466 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 5467 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5468 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5469 5470 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5471 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5472 commission.

5473 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 5474 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5475 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5476 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5477 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5478 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 5479 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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5480 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 5481 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 5482 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 5483 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5484 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 5485 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5486 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5487 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5488 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 5489 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5490 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.

5497 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (7)5498 bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 5499 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 5500 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 5501 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 5502 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 5503 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 5504

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5505 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 5506 and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 5507 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 5508 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 5509 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 5510 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 5511 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.

5518 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5519 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5520 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5521 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5522 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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5530 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5531 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 5532 this subsection.

5533 (9)Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 5534 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 5535 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 5536 5537 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 5538 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 5539 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 5540 bonds.

5541 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 5542 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5543 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 5544 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 5545 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 5546 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5547 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5548 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5549 majority of its members.

5550 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 5551 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5552 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5553 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 5554 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 202 R3/5

5555 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 5556 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5557 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

5558 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5559 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 5560 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5561 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 5562 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 5563 performance of all duties required by this section to be 5564 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon. 5565

5566 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)5567 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5568 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 5569 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5570 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5571 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 5572 5573 of securing the deposit of public funds.

5574 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5575 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5576 Mississippi.

5577 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5578 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5579 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

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5580 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5581 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 5582 5583 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5584 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5585 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5586 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 5587 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 5588 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 5589 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5590 thereof.

5591 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5592 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5593 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5594 any existing law of this state.

5595 SECTION 27. (1) As used in this section, the following 5596 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 5597 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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5605 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 5606 (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 5607 (a) (i) City of Starkville Hospital Road and Stark Road Extension Fund," 5608 5609 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 5610 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 5611 5612 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 5613 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 5614 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 5615 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.

5621 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 5622 5623 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 5624 5625 in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, 5626 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 5627 5628 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

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5629 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 5630 directed by the commission.

5631 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 5632 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 5633 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 5634 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 5635 5636 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 5637 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 5638 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 5639 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 5640 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 5641 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 5642 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 5643 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 5644 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 5645 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 5646 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 5647 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million 5648 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 5649 section after July 1, 2025.

5650 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 5651 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 5652 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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5653 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 5654 bonds.

5655 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)5656 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 5657 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 5658 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 5659 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 5660 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 5661 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 5662 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 5663 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 5664 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 5665 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 5666 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 5667 commission.

5668 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 5669 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 5670 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 5671 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 5672 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 5673 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 5674 bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the 5675 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may 5676 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of 5677 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 207 R3/5 5678 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 5679 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 5680 5681 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 5682 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 5683 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 5684 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 5685 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.

5692 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 5693 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 5694 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 5695 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 5696 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 5697 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 5698 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 5699 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 5700 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 5701 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 5702 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 208 R3/5 5703 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 5704 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 5705 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 5706 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

5707 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 5708 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 5709 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 5710 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 5711 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 5712 commission.

5713 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 5714 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 5715 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 5716 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 5717 dates named therein.

5718 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 5719 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 5720 5721 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 5722 5723 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 5724 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 5725 5726 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 5727

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5728 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 5729 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 5730 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 5731 5732 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 5733 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 5734 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 5735 bonds.

5736 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)5737 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 5738 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 5739 5740 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 5741 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 5742 5743 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 5744 majority of its members.

5745 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)5746 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 5747 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 5748 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 5749 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 5750 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 5751 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 5752 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 5753 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 5754 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 5755 5756 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 5757 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 5758 performance of all duties required by this section to be 5759 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 5760 interest thereon.

5761 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 5762 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 5763 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 5764 5765 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 5766 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 5767 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 5768 of securing the deposit of public funds.

5769 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 5770 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 5771 Mississippi.

5772 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 5773 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 5774 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

5775 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 5776 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 5777 Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of

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5778 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 5779 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 5780 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 5781 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State 5782 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated 5783 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to 5784 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 5785 thereof.

5786 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 5787 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 5788 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 5789 any existing law of this state.

5790 SECTION 28. Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5791 amended as follows:

5792 57-1-221. (1) As used in this section:

5793 (a) "Approved business enterprise" means any project 5794 that:

5795 (i) Locates or expands in this state and creates a
5796 minimum of two hundred fifty (250) new, full-time jobs with a
5797 total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Thirty
5798 Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties;
5799 (ii) Locates or expands in this state and creates
5800 a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) new, full-time jobs with a
5801 total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Fifteen

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5802 Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in areas federally designated as 5803 low-income census tracts;

5804 (iii) Locates or expands in this state and creates 5805 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 (400) jobs; or

5813 (v) Locates or expands in this state with 5814 significant regional impact as determined by MDA.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.
(c) "Facility related to the project" means and
includes any of the following, as they may pertain to the project:
(i) Facilities to provide potable and industrial
water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water,
natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the

5821 project;

5822 (ii) Building facilities and equipment necessary 5823 to operate the facility;

5824 (iii) Rail lines;

5825 (iv) Airports, airfields, air terminals and port

5826 facilities;

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 213 R3/5 5827 (v) Highways, streets and other roadways; and 5828 (vi) Fire protection facilities, equipment and 5829 elevated water tanks.

(d) "Project" means any industrial, commercial, research and development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise together with all real property required for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise that is approved by the MDA.

5836 (2)(a) There is created a special fund in the State 5837 Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Industry Incentive 5838 Financing Revolving Fund which shall consist of monies from any 5839 source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts 5840 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in 5841 5842 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Except as 5843 otherwise provided, monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority for the purposes authorized in 5844 5845 subsection (3) of this section. The Mississippi Development 5846 Authority shall allocate and disburse Thirty Million Dollars 5847 (\$30,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Mississippi State 5848 University for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a 5849 high-performance computing data center that is home to federally 5850 designated centers of computing excellence. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this 5851

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5852 section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi 5853 Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi 5854 Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Three Million 5855 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Delta Health 5856 System for capital costs related to hospital systems expansion. 5857 The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any 5858 requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by 5859 the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The 5860 Mississippi Development Authority shall disburse such funds to 5861 Delta Health System not later than thirty (30) days after the 5862 effective date of this act.

5863 Monies in the fund that are derived from the (b) 5864 proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse 5865 reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive 5866 5867 programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs 5868 incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by 5869 the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs 5870 shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds 5871 Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy issued. 5872 any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants or loans from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund to local governments, including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, industrial development authorities and

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5877 economic development districts, and approved business enterprises 5878 to construct or otherwise provide facilities related to the 5879 project. Local governments are authorized to accept grants and 5880 enter into loans authorized under the program, and to sell, lease 5881 or otherwise dispose of a project or any property related to the 5882 project in whole or in part.

5883 (4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any 5884 business enterprise or local government desiring a grant or loan 5885 under this section shall submit an application to the MDA which 5886 shall include, at a minimum:

5887 (i) Evidence that the business or industry meets5888 the definition of an approved business enterprise;

5889 (ii) A description, including the cost, of the 5890 requested assistance;

5891 (iii) A description of the purpose for which the 5892 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:

5897 (i) The minimum requirements of this section and 5898 such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; 5899 and

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(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the 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.

5909 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(a) 5910 of this section, the MDA shall have sole discretion in providing grants or loans under this section. The terms of a grant or loan 5911 5912 provided under this section and the manner of repayment of any 5913 loan shall be within the discretion of the MDA. Repayments of 5914 loans made under this section shall be deposited to the credit of 5915 the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund until 5916 the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). Once the uncommitted balance in the fund 5917 5918 reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), repayments of 5919 loans under this section shall be deposited to the credit of Fund 5920 No. 3951 in the State Treasury to pay debt service on bonds until 5921 such time as the uncommitted balance in the fund falls below Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). 5922

5923 (e) The MDA shall notify the Chairman of the Senate 5924 Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means

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5930 (5) (a) Contracts, by local governments, including, but not 5931 limited to, design and construction contracts, for the 5932 acquisition, purchase, construction or installation of a project 5933 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 effectively achieve the purposes of this section to enter into such contracts on the basis of Section 31-7-13; and

5939 (ii) The approved business enterprise that is 5940 involved in the project concurs in such finding.

5941 (b) When the requirements of paragraph (a) of this 5942 subsection are met:

5943 (i) The requirements of Section 31-7-13 shall not 5944 apply to such contracts; and

5945 (ii) The contracts may be entered into on the 5946 basis of negotiation.

5947 (6) It is the policy of the MDA and the MDA is authorized to 5948 accommodate and support any enterprise that receives a loan under 5949 this section for a project defined in Section 17-25-23 that wishes

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 218 R3/5 5950 to have a program of diversity in contracting, and/or that wishes 5951 to do business with or cause its prime contractor to do business 5952 with Mississippi companies, including those companies that are 5953 small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and 5954 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and 5955 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning 5956 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act 5957 (15 USCS 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations 5958 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed 5959 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the 5960 purposes of this subsection.

5961 (7) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in 5962 accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for 5963 the implementation of this section.

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5965 **SECTION 29.** Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5966 amended as follows:

5967 57-119-9. (1) Applicants who are eligible for assistance under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of 5968 5969 government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher 5970 learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private 5971 partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit 5972 entities and local economic development entities. Projects that 5973 are eligible for assistance under this section are projects that 5974 have the potential to generate increased economic activity in the 5975 region, as described in Section 57-119-11(3).

5976 MDA shall establish criteria, rules, and procedures for (2)5977 accepting and reviewing applications for assistance under this 5978 section. MDA, with advice from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Advisory Board, shall review, compile and score all timely 5979 5980 received applications, and shall present the applications and its 5981 recommendations for assistance to individual projects under this 5982 section to the Legislature no later than December 1 of the year. 5983 The Legislature shall determine individual projects that will be 5984 funded under this section by separate line items in an 5985 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>.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 220 R3/5 5990 (4) The project described in paragraph (m) of Section 18,
5991 Chapter 106, Laws of 2020 (Senate Bill No. 2977), to assist George
5992 County with a rail connection project, shall not be required to
5993 meet the criteria established by the Mississippi Development
5994 Authority for the selection and recommendation of projects under
5995 this section in order to receive the funds allocated for that
5996 project under Chapter 106.

5997 SECTION 30. (1)For any incentive program for which the 5998 Department of Revenue audits, verifies or otherwise reviews 5999 information submitted by an applicant, program participant or 6000 other entity for the purposes of the incentive program and 6001 eligibility for any incentive under the program, the applicant, 6002 program participant or other entity may employ a qualified 6003 accountant to perform a third-party audit, verification or other 6004 review of such information, in lieu of the Department of Revenue 6005 doing so, for the purposes of the incentive program and 6006 eligibility for any incentive under the program. The applicant, 6007 program participant or other entity shall be responsible for all 6008 costs associated with such purposes, and the qualified accountant 6009 shall provide the third-party audit, verification or other review 6010 of information to the Department of Revenue. The Department of 6011 Revenue shall accept and approve the third-party audit, verification or other review of information for the purposes of 6012 6013 the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program and shall notify the applicant, program participant or 6014

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 221 R3/5 6015 other entity of such acceptance and approval within thirty (30) 6016 days after receipt of the

6017 third-party audit, verification or other review of information. 6018 If the Department of Revenue does not notify the applicant, 6019 program participant or other entity of such acceptance and 6020 approval within thirty (30) days after receipt of the 6021 third-party audit, verification or other review of information, 6022 then the third-party audit, verification or other review of 6023 information shall be automatically approved and valid for the 6024 purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any 6025 incentive under the program. The State of Mississippi shall not 6026 be liable for or otherwise responsible for any actions of a 6027 qualified accountant.

6028 For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified (2)6029 accountant" means a certified public accountant (CPA) who: (a) 6030 maintains an active unrestricted original certified public 6031 accountant license, (b) maintains a current Mississippi certified 6032 public accountant firm permit, (c) actively participates in a peer 6033 review program approved by the State Board of Certified Public 6034 Accountants of Mississippi, (d) completes twenty (20) active hours 6035 of continuing professional education in approved courses for each 6036 reporting cycle, and (e) is capable of conducting two (2) levels of review within the CPA firm or, if not within the firm, then 6037 through a cooperative endeavor with another CPA for the review of 6038 6039 a verification report prior to its issuance.

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6040 SECTION 31. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 6041 amended as follows:

6042 27 - 7 - 22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 6043 6044 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: 6045 (a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue. 6046 "Eligible charitable organization" means an (b) 6047 organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 6048 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is: 6049 (i) Licensed by or under contract \* \* \* with the 6050 Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and provides 6051 services for: 6052 1. The prevention and diversion of children 6053 from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, 6054 2. The safety, care and well-being of 6055 children in custody with the Department of Child Protection 6056 Services, or The express purpose of creating permanency 6057 3. 6058 for children through adoption; or 6059 (ii) Certified by the department as: 6060 1. \* \* \* An educational services charitable 6061 organization and provides services to: 6062 \* \* \*a. Children in a foster care 6063 placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for 6064

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6065 Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a 6066 foster care placement program established by the Department of 6067 Child Protection Services,

6071  $\star \star \star \underline{c}$ . Children eligible for free or 6072 reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected 6073 for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored 6074 by the U.S. Department of Education  $\star \star \star \underline{c}$  or

6075 <u>2. A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)</u> 6076 <u>administered by the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools to</u> 6077 <u>provide needs-based scholarships to economically, physically, or</u> 6078 <u>intellectually disadvantaged children.</u>

6079 (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be (2)6080 available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged 6081 in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating 6082 as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole 6083 proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 6084 credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 6085 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash 6086 contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an 6087 eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2022, 6088 for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit 6089 also is allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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6090 real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the 6091 taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable 6092 The amount of credit that may be utilized by a organization. 6093 taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not 6094 to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the 6095 taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an 6096 amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax 6097 liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied 6098 on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but 6099 not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) 6100 consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the 6101 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.

6106 (c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under 6107 this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for 6108 state income tax purposes.

6109 (3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section 6110 shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and 6111 the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided 6112 by the department.

6113 (4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the 6114 department with a written certification that it meets all criteria

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 225 R3/5 6115 to be considered an eligible charitable organization. <u>An eligible</u> 6116 <u>charitable organization must also provide the department with</u> 6117 <u>written documented proof of its license and/or written contract</u> 6118 <u>with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.</u> The 6119 organization shall also notify the department of any changes that 6120 may affect eligibility under this section.

6121 (5) The eligible charitable organization's written 6122 certification must be signed by an officer of the organization 6123 under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include 6124 the following:

6125 (a) Verification of the organization's status under6126 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;

6131 (c) Any other information that the department requires6132 to administer this section.

6133 The department shall review each written certification (6) 6134 and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to 6135 be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the 6136 organization of its determination. The department may also 6137 periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list 6138 6139 of eligible charitable organizations.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 226 R3/5 6140 (7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned 6141 by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or 6142 other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all 6143 partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in 6144 proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the 6145 partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an 6146 executed document.

6147 (8) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the (a) 6148 department on forms prescribed by the department. In the 6149 application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the 6150 dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an 6151 6152 application, the department shall allocate credits based on the 6153 dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. 6154 However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of 6155 credits certified in the application due to the limit on the 6156 aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section 6157 in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant 6158 within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that 6159 may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the 6160 department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the 6161 contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made 6162 not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. 6163 If the contribution is not made within such time period, the 6164

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(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.

6176 (c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad 6177 valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer 6178 shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit 6179 documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of 6180 Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against 6181 such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax 6182 credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the 6183 amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the 6184 department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the 6185 amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such 6186 payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current 6187 tax collections. 6188 The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be (9) 6189 allocated by the department under this section during a calendar

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6190 year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and 6191 not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6192 6193 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 6194 this section. However, for calendar year 2021, \* \* \* the 6195 aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the 6196 department under this section during a calendar year shall not 6197 exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), and for calendar year 6198 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount 6199 of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this 6200 section during a calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million 6201 Dollars (\$16,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits 6202 6203 allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for 6204 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6205 subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of 6206 the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be 6207 allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations 6208 described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar 6209 year 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, of the amount of 6210 tax credits that may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6211 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 6212 this section, fifteen percent (15%) of the tax credits shall be 6213 available solely for allocation for contributions to eligible 6214 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)2;

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 229 6215 however, any such tax credits not allocated before April 1 of a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 6216 6217 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)1 of 6218 this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year 6219 thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for 6220 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6221 subsection (1) (b) (i) of this section, no more than twenty-five 6222 percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions 6223 to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise 6224 provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each 6225 calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar 6226 year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations 6227 described in subsection (1) (b) (ii) of this section, no more than 6228 five percent (5%) of such credits may be allocated for 6229 contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. 6230 However, for calendar year 2022, of the additional amount of tax 6231 credits authorized under this section, as amended by Senate Bill 6232 No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, for allocation for contributions 6233 to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 6234 (1) (b) (ii) of this section, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of 6235 the tax credits shall be available solely for allocation for 6236 contributions to Magnolia Speech School; however, any such tax 6237 credits not allocated before April 1, 2022, may be allocated for 6238 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 6239 subsection (1) (b) (ii) of this section.

6240 **SECTION 32.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6241 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6242 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.

6251 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)6252 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 6253 LeFleur's Bluff State Park Improvements Fund," is created within 6254 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 6255 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 6256 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 6257 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 6258 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 6259 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

6260 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
6261 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
6262 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with
6263 construction and development of and upgrades and improvements to
6264 property, roadways, infrastructure, facilities and structures at
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6265 LeFleur's Bluff State Park, in Jackson, Mississippi, for the 6266 purpose of enhancing and developing the entrance to the 6267 Mississippi Children's Museum and the Mississippi Museum of 6268 Natural Science, and areas and amenities related to the museums.

6269 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6270 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6271 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6272 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6273 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6274 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6275 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 6276 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6277 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6278 directed by the commission.

6279 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 6280 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6281 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6282 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6283 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6284 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6285 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6286 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6287 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6288 6289 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the

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6290 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 6291 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 6292 6293 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 6294 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 6295 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Five 6296 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00). No bonds shall be 6297 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.

6303 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)6304 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6305 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6306 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6307 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6308 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6309 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6310 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6311 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6312 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6313

6314 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6315 commission.

6316 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 6317 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 6318 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6319 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6320 6321 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6322 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6323 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6324 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6325 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6326 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6327 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6328 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6329 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6330 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6331 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6332 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6333 the State of Mississippi.

6334 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
6335 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of
6336 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
6337 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

6338 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not6339 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 6340 (7)6341 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 6342 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6343 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6344 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6345 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6346 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6347 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6348 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6349 6350 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6351 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6352 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6353 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6354 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.

6361The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of6362this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 235 R3/5 6363 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 6364 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 6365 dates named therein.

6366 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6367 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6368 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6369 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6370 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6371 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6372 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6373 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6374 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6375 this subsection.

6376 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 6377 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6378 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6379 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6380 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6381 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6382 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6383 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 236 R3/5 6388 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6389 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6390 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 6391 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6392 majority of its members.

6393 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 6394 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6395 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6396 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6397 6398 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 6399 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6400 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6401 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)6402 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6403 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6404 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6405 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6406 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6407 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6408 interest thereon.

6409 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
6410 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
6411 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
6412 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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6413 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6414 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6415 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 6416 of securing the deposit of public funds.

6417 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 6418 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 6419 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.

6423 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 6424 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6425 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 6426 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6427 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6428 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6429 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 6430 6431 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 6432 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6433 thereof.

6434 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
6435 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
6436 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of
6437 any existing law of this state.

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6438 **SECTION 33.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6439 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6440 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.

6450 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 6451 City of Indianola Street Improvement Projects Fund," is created 6452 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 6453 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 6454 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 6455 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 6456 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 6457 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 Indianola, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
improvements to streets and roads in the City of Indianola.

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6463 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 6464 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6465 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6466 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6467 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6468 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 6469 6470 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6471 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6472 directed by the commission.

6473 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6474 6475 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6476 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6477 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6478 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6479 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6480 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6481 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6482 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6483 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 6484 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 6485 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 6486 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 6487

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 6488 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 6489 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 6490 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 6491 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.

6497 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 6498 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6499 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6500 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6501 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6502 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6503 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6504 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6505 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 6506 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6507 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6508 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6509 commission.

6510 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6511 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 6512 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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6513 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6514 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6515 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6516 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 6517 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6518 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6519 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6520 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6521 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6522 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6523 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6524 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6525 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 6526 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6527 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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6538 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6539 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6540 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 6541 6542 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6543 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6544 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6545 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6546 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6547 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6548 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.

6560 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6561 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6562 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

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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.

6570 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 6571 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6572 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6573 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6574 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6575 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6576 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6577 bonds.

6578 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 6579 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 6580 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 6581 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 6582 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6583 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6584 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6585 6586 majority of its members.

6587 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 6588 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6589 6590 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 6591 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6592 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6593 6594 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6595 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 6596 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6597 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6598 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6599 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6600 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6601 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6602 interest thereon.

6603 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6604 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 6605 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6606 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 6607 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6608 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6609 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 6610

6611 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 6612 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 6613 Mississippi.

6614 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 6615 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 6616 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

6617 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)6618 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6619 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6620 6621 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6622 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6623 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 6624 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 6625 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 6626 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6627 thereof.

6628 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 6629 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 6630 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 6631 any existing law of this state.

6632 SECTION 34. (1) As used in this section, the following 6633 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6634 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.

6642 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

6643 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

6644 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 6645 Alcorn County - County Courthouse Repair and Renovation Fund," is 6646 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 6647 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 6648 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 6649 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 6650 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 6651 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 costs associated with repair and renovation of and replacement of roofing for the Alcorn County Courthouse.

(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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 247 R3/5 6660 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 6661 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6662 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 6663 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 6664 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 6665 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 6666 directed by the commission.

6667 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 6668 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6669 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6670 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6671 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6672 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 6673 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6674 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6675 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6676 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6677 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 6678 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 6679 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 6680 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 6681 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 6682 6683 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million

6684 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 6685 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.

6691 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 6692 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6693 6694 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 6695 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6696 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6697 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6698 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6699 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 6700 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6701 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6702 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6703 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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6709 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6710 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 6711 6712 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6713 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6714 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6715 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6716 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6717 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6718 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6719 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 6720 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6721 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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6734 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6735 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6736 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6737 6738 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6739 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6740 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6741 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6742 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.

6754 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6755 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6756 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6757 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6758 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 251 R3/5

6759 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6760 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 6761 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6762 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6763 this subsection.

6764 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 6765 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6766 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6767 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6768 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6769 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6770 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6771 bonds.

6772 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)6773 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 6774 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 6775 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6776 6777 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6778 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 6779 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6780 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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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.

6789 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 6790 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6791 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6792 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6793 6794 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6795 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6796 interest thereon.

6797 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 6798 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 6799 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6800 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6801 6802 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6803 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 6804 of securing the deposit of public funds.

6805 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 6806 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 6807 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.

6811 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)6812 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 6813 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 6814 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 6815 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 6816 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 6817 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 6818 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 6819 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 6820 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 6821 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.

6826 **SECTION 35.** (1) As used in this section, the following 6827 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 6828 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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6833 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 6834 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 6835 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 6837 (C) 6838 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 6839 Jacinto Courthouse Improvement Fund," is created within the State 6840 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 6841 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 6842 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 6843 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 6844 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 6845 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

6846 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 6847 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 6848 Administration, to provide funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., 6849 to pay costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, 6850 renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing 6851 and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in 6852 Alcorn County, Mississippi.

6853 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 6854 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 6855 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 6856 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 6857

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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.

6863 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 6864 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 6865 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 6866 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 6867 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 6868 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 6869 6870 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 6871 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 6872 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 6873 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 6874 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 6875 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 6876 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 6877 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 6878 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 6879 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 6880 section after July 1, 2025. 6881

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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.

6887 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 6888 6889 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 6890 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 6891 6892 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 6893 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 6894 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 6895 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 6896 6897 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 6898 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 6899 commission.

6900 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 6901 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 6902 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 6903 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 6904 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 6905 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 6906 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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6907 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 6908 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 6909 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 6910 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 6911 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 6912 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 6913 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 6914 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 6915 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 6916 6917 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.

6924 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)6925 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 6926 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 6927 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 6928 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 6929 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 6930 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 6931 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to

6932 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 6933 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 6934 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 6935 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 6936 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 6937 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 6938 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.

6950 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 6951 6952 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 6953 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 6954 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 6955 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 6956 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 6957 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 6958 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 6959 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 6960 (9)6961 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 6962 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 6963 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 6964 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 6965 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 6966 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 6967 bonds.

6968 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)6969 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 6970 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 6971 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 6972 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 6973 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 6974 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 6975 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 6976 majority of its members.

6977 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 6978 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 6979 6980 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 6981 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 260 R3/5

6982 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 6983 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 6984 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

6985 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 6986 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 6987 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 6988 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 6989 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 6990 performance of all duties required by this section to be 6991 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 6992 interest thereon.

6993 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)6994 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 6995 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 6996 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 6997 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 6998 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 6999 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7000 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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7007 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 7008 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7009 7010 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7011 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7012 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7013 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7014 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7015 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7016 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7017 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.

7022 SECTION 36. (1) As used in this section, the following 7023 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7024 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 262 R3/5 7032 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

7033 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 7034 (a) (i) 7035 East Corinth Elementary School Renovation Fund," is created within 7036 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 7037 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 7038 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 7039 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 7040 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 7041 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 Elementary School to provide enhanced career technical training to Corinth students in advanced technology skills.

7048 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7049 7050 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7051 7052 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7053 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7054 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7055 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

7056 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7057 directed by the commission.

7058 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 7059 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7060 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7061 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7062 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7063 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7064 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7065 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7066 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7067 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7068 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7069 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7070 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7071 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7072 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7073 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7074 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 7075 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 7076 section after July 1, 2025.

7077 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 7078 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 7079 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

7080 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 7081 bonds.

7082 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)7083 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7084 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7085 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7086 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7087 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7088 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7089 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7090 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7091 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7092 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7093 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7094 commission.

7095 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7096 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7097 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7098 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7099 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7100 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7101 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7102 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7103 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7104 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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7105 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7106 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7107 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7108 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7109 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7110 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7111 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7112 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.

7119 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 7120 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 7121 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7122 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7123 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7124 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 7125 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7126 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7127 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7128 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7129 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 266 S3/5 5130 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 5131 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 5132 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 5133 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.

7145 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7146 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7147 7148 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7149 7150 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7151 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7152 7153 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 7154

7155 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 7156 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7157 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7158 7159 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7160 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7161 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7162 bonds.

7163 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)7164 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7165 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7166 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7167 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7168 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7169 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7170 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 7171

7172 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)7173 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 7174 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7175 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7176 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7177 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7178 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 7179 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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7180 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7181 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7182 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7183 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7184 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7185 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7186 7187 interest thereon.

7188 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7189 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7190 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7191 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7192 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7193 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7194 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7195 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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7205 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7206 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7207 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7208 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7209 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7210 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7211 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7212 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.

7217 SECTION 37. (1) As used in this section, the following 7218 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7219 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 270 R3/5 7229 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 7230 Tishomingo County Road Fund," is created within the State 7231 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7232 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7233 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 7234 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7235 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7236 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.

7242 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 7243 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7244 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7245 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7246 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7247 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7248 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7249 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7250 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7251 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 271 R3/5 7254 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7255 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7256 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7257 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7258 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7259 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7260 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7261 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7262 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7263 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7264 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7265 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7266 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7267 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7268 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars 7269 (\$700,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 7270 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.

7276 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
7277 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this
7278 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
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7279 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7280 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7281 7282 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7283 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7284 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7285 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7286 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7287 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7288 commission.

7289 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7290 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7291 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7292 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7293 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7294 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7295 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7296 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7297 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7298 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7299 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7300 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7301 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7302 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7303 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

7304 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7305 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7306 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.

7313 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 7314 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 7315 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7316 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7317 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7318 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 7319 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7320 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7321 7322 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7323 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7324 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7325 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7326 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7327 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.

7339 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7340 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7341 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7342 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 7343 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7344 7345 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 7346 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7347 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 7348 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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7353 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7354 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7355 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7356 bonds.

7357 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 7358 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 7359 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7360 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7361 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7362 7363 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7364 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7365 majority of its members.

7366 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)7367 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 7368 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7369 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7370 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7371 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7372 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7373 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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7378 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7379 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7380 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7381 interest thereon.

7382 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7383 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7384 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7385 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7386 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7387 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7388 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7389 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.

7396 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 7397 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7398 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7399 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7400 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7401 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7402 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 7403 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7404 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7405 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7406 thereof.

7407 (17)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 7408 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 7409 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 7410 any existing law of this state.

7411 SECTION 38. (1) As used in this section, the following 7412 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7413 clearly requires otherwise:

7414 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 7415 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 7416 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 7417 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 7418 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 7419 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 7420 maturity.

7421 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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

7423 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 7424 George County - Evanston Road Fund, " is created within the State 7425 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7426 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7427 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at

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7428 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7429 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7430 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.

7438 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7439 7440 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7441 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7442 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7443 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7444 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7445 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7446 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7447 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 (5) FL (H) WM

(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 7453 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7454 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7455 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7456 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7457 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7458 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7459 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7460 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7461 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7462 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 7463 7464 under this section shall not exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand 7465 Dollars (\$850,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 7466 section after July 1, 2025.

7467 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 7468 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 7469 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 7470 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 7471 bonds.

7472 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)7473 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7474 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7475 7476 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7477 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 280

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7478 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7479 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7480 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7481 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7482 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7483 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7484 commission.

7485 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7486 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7487 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7488 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7489 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7490 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7491 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7492 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7493 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7494 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7495 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7496 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7497 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7498 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7499 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7500 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7501 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7502 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.

7509 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)7510 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 7511 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7512 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7513 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7514 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 7515 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7516 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7517 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7518 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7519 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 7520 7521 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7522 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7523 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

7528 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 7529 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.

7535 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7536 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7537 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7538 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 7539 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7540 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7541 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 7542 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7543 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 7544 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7545 (9) 7546 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7547 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7548 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7549 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7550 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7551 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7552 bonds.

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7553 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 7554 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7555 7556 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7557 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7558 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7559 7560 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7561 majority of its members.

7562 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7563 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 7564 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7565 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7566 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7567 7568 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7569 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

7577 interest thereon.

7578 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7579 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7580 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7581 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7582 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7583 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7584 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7585 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.

7592 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)7593 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7594 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7595 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7596 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7597 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7598 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7599 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7600 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7601 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7602 thereof.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 285 R3/5 (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.

7607 SECTION 39. (1) As used in this section, the following 7608 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7609 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. 7618 (C) 7619 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 7620 Town of Bruce Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created within 7621 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 7622 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 7623 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 7624 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 7625 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 7626 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.

7633 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 7634 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7635 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7636 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7637 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7638 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 7639 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7640 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7641 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7642 directed by the commission.

7643 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7644 7645 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7646 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7647 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7648 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7649 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 7650 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7651 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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7652 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7653 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7654 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7655 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7656 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7657 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 7658 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 7659 7660 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 7661 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.

7667 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7668 7669 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7670 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7671 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7672 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7673 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7674 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 7675 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7676 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 288 R3/5

7677 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7678 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7679 commission.

7680 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7681 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7682 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 7683 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7684 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7685 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7686 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7687 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7688 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7689 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7690 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7691 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7692 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7693 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7694 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7695 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 7696 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7697 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 289 R3/5 7702 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 7703 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

7704 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 7705 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 7706 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 7707 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 7708 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7709 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 7710 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7711 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7712 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7713 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7714 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7715 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7716 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7717 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 7718

7719 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 7720 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 7721 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 7722 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 7723 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 7724 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 290 R3/5 7727 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 7728 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 7729 dates named therein.

7730 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7731 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 7732 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 7733 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 7734 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 7735 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 7736 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 7737 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 7738 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 7739 this subsection.

7740 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 7741 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7742 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7743 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7744 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7745 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7746 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7747 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 291 R3/5 7752 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7753 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7754 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7755 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7756 majority of its members.

7757 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7758 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 7759 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7760 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7761 7762 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 7763 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7764 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7765 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)7766 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7767 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7768 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7769 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7770 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7771 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7772 interest thereon.

7773 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 7774 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7775 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7776 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

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7777 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7778 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7779 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7780 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.

7787 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 7788 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7789 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 7790 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7791 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7792 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7793 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7794 7795 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7796 7797 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 293 R3/5 7802 SECTION 40. (1) As used in this section, the following 7803 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7804 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.

7813 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

7814 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 7815 Town of Bruce - Vardaman Street Fund," is created within the State 7816 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 7817 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 7818 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 7819 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 7820 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 7821 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.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 294 R3/5 7827 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 7828 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 7829 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 7830 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 7831 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 7832 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 7833 7834 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 7835 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 7836 directed by the commission.

7837 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 7838 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 7839 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 7840 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 7841 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 7842 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 7843 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 7844 7845 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 7846 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 7847 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 7848 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 7849 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 7850 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 7851 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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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.

7861 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 7862 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 7863 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 7864 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 7865 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 7866 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 7867 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 7868 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 7869 7870 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 7871 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 7872 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 7873 commission.

7874 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 7875 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 7876 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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7877 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 7878 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 7879 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 7880 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 7881 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 7882 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 7883 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 7884 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 7885 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 7886 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 7887 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 7888 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 7889 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 7890 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 7891 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 297 R3/5 7902 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 7903 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 7904 7905 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 7906 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 7907 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 7908 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 7909 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 7910 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 7911 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 7912 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

7913 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 7914 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 7915 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 7916 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 7917 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 7918 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 298 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.

7934 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 7935 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 7936 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 7937 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 7938 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 7939 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 7940 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 7941 bonds.

7942 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 7943 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 7944 7945 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 7946 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 7947 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 7948 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 7949 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 7950 majority of its members.

7951 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 7952 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 7953 7954 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 7955 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 7956 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 7957 7958 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

7959 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 7960 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 7961 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 7962 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 7963 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 7964 performance of all duties required by this section to be 7965 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 7966 interest thereon.

7967 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 7968 7969 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 7970 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 7971 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 7972 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 7973 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 7974 of securing the deposit of public funds.

7975 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 7976 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 7977 Mississippi.

7978 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 7979 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 7980 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

7981 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)7982 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 7983 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 7984 7985 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 7986 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 7987 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 7988 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 7989 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 7990 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 7991 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.

7996 SECTION 41. (1) As used in this section, the following 7997 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 7998 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.

8006 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

8007 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

8008 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Bruce - Calhoun Street Fund," is created within the State 8009 8010 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 8011 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8012 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 8013 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8014 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8015 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

8016 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
8017 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
8018 Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in
8019 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
8020 improvements to Calhoun Street in the Town of Bruce.

8021 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 8022 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8023 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 302 R3/5 8024 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8025 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8026 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8027 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8028 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8029 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8030 directed by the commission.

8031 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 8032 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8033 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8034 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8035 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8036 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8037 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8038 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8039 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8040 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8041 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8042 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8043 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8044 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8045 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8046 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 8047

8048 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 8049 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.

8055 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8056 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8057 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8058 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8059 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8060 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8061 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8062 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8063 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8064 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8065 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8066 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8067 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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8073 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8074 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8075 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8076 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8077 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8078 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8079 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8080 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8081 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8082 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8083 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 8084 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8085 the State of Mississippi.

8086 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 8087 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 8088 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 8089 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 8090 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 8091 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

8092 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)8093 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8094 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8095 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8096 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 8097

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8098 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8099 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8100 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8101 8102 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8103 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8104 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8105 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8106 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.

8118 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8119 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8120 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8121 8122 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 306 R3/5

8123 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8124 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8125 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8126 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8127 this subsection.

8128 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8129 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8130 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8131 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8132 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8133 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8134 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8135 bonds.

8136 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)8137 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8138 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8139 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8140 8141 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8142 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8143 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8144 majority of its members.

8145 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this
8146 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First
8147 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and
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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 8148 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8149 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8150 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8151 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8152 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8153 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8154 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 8155 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8156 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8157 8158 performance of all duties required by this section to be 8159 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8160 interest thereon.

8161 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8162 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8163 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8164 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8165 8166 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8167 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8168 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8169 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8170 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8171 Mississippi.

8172 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8173 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8174 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8175 (16)8176 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8177 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8178 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8179 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8180 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8181 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8182 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8183 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8184 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8185 thereof.

8186 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8187 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8188 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8189 any existing law of this state.

8190 SECTION 42. (1) As used in this section, the following 8191 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8192 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 309 R3/5 8197 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 8198 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 8199 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 8201 (C) 8202 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 8203 City of Jackson Pete Brown Golf Course Improvements Fund," is 8204 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 8205 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 8206 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 8207 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 8208 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 8209 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:

8215 1. Repair and renovation of and upgrades and 8216 improvements to the clubhouse and related facilities;

8217 2. Upgrades and improvements to the golf8218 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.

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8222 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 8223 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8224 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8225 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8226 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8227 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8228 8229 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8230 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8231 directed by the commission.

8232 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8233 8234 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8235 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8236 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8237 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8238 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8239 8240 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8241 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8242 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8243 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8244 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8245 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8246 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.

8256 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8257 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8258 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8259 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8260 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8261 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8262 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8263 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8264 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8265 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8266 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8267 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8268 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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8272 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8273 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8274 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8275 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8276 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8277 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8278 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8279 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8280 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8281 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8282 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8283 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8284 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 8285 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8286 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.

8293 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 8294 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8295 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8296 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 313 R3/5 8297 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8298 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8299 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8300 8301 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8302 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8303 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8304 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8305 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8306 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8307 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 314 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.

8329 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8330 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8331 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8332 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8333 8334 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8335 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8336 bonds.

8337 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 8338 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8339 8340 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8341 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8342 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8343 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8344 majority of its members. 8345

8346 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8347 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8348 8349 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8350 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8351 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8352 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8353 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8354 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8355 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 8356 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8357 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8358 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 8359 8360 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8361 interest thereon.

8362 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8363 8364 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8365 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8366 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8367 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8368 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 8369

8370 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8371 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8372 Mississippi.

8373 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section
8374 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
8375 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8376 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)8377 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8378 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8379 8380 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8381 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8382 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8383 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8384 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8385 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8386 thereof.

8387 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8388 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8389 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8390 any existing law of this state.

8391 SECTION 43. (1) As used in this section, the following 8392 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8393 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.

8401 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

8402 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

8403 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tougaloo Senior Center Fund," is created within the State 8404 8405 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 8406 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8407 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8408 8409 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8410 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

8411 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
8412 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
8413 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair,
8414 renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Tougaloo Senior
8415 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

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8419 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8420 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8421 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8422 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 8423 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8424 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8425 directed by the commission.

8426 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 8427 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8428 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8429 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8430 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8431 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8432 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8433 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8434 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8435 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8436 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8437 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8438 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8439 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8440 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8441 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 8442

8443 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 8444 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.

8450 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8451 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8452 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8453 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8454 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8455 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8456 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8457 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8458 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8459 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8460 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8461 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8462 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 320 R3/5 8468 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8469 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8470 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 8471 8472 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8473 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8474 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8475 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8476 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8477 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8478 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 8479 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8480 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 321 R3/5 8493 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8494 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8495 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8496 8497 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8498 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 8499 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 8500 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8501 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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)FI (H)WM R3/5 8518 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8519 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8520 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8521 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8522 this subsection.

8523 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8524 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 8525 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8526 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8527 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8528 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8529 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8530 bonds.

8531 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)8532 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8533 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8534 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8535 8536 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8537 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8538 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8539 majority of its members.

8540 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8541 8542 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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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.

8548 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8549 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 8550 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8551 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8552 8553 performance of all duties required by this section to be 8554 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8555 interest thereon.

8556 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8557 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8558 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8559 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8560 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8561 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8562 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8563 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8564 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8565 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8566 Mississippi.

8567 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8568 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8569 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8570 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)8571 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8572 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8573 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8574 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8575 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8576 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8577 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8578 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8579 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8580 thereof.

8581 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8582 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8583 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8584 any existing law of this state.

8585 **SECTION 44.** (1) As used in this section, the following 8586 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8587 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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8592 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 8593 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 8594 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 8596 (C) 8597 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 8598 Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority - Flagship District Projects 8599 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 8600 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 8601 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 8602 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 8603 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 8604 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 8605 such fund.

8606 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
8607 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
8608 Administration, to assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority
8609 with the Flagship District Projects.

(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 326 R3/5 8617 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8618 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 8619 directed by the commission.

8620 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 8621 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 8622 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8623 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8624 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8625 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8626 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8627 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8628 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8629 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8630 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8631 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8632 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8633 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8634 8635 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8636 under this section shall not exceed Four Million Four Hundred 8637 Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 8638 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 327 S3/5 8642 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 8643 bonds.

8644 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)8645 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8646 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 8647 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8648 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8649 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8650 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8651 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8652 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8653 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8654 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8655 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8656 commission.

8657 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 8658 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8659 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8660 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8661 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8662 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8663 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8664 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8665 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8666 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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8667 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 8668 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8669 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 8670 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 8671 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 8672 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 8673 8674 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.

8681 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 8682 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8683 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8684 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8685 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8686 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8687 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8688 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8689 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8690 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8691 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 329 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.

8707 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8708 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8709 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8710 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8711 8712 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8713 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8714 8715 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 8716

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 8717 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8718 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8719 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8720 8721 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8722 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8723 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8724 bonds.

8725 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)8726 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8727 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8728 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8729 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8730 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8731 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8732 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8733 majority of its members.

8734 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)8735 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8736 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8737 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8738 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8739 8740 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 8741 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 8742 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8743 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8744 8745 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8746 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8747 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8748 8749 interest thereon.

8750 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8751 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8752 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8753 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8754 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8755 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8756 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8757 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8758 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8759 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8760 Mississippi.

8761 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8762 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8763 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8764 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
8765 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
8766 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 332 R3/5 8767 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8768 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 8769 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 8770 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 8771 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 8772 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 8773 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 8774 thereof.

8775 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8776 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8777 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8778 any existing law of this state.

8779 SECTION 45. (1) As used in this section, the following 8780 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8781 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.

8789 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.8790 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 333 R3/5 8791 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the 8792 "Mississippi Highway 4 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 8793 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 8794 8795 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 8796 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 8797 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 8798 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 right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to add a center turning lane and upgrade the roadway on State Highway 4 from Interstate 55 to the campus of North West Mississippi Community College.

8806 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 8807 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 8808 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 8809 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 8810 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 8811 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 8812 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 8813 8814 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 8815

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 334 R3/5 8816 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 8817 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 8818 8819 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 8820 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 8821 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 8822 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 8823 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 8824 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 8825 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 8826 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 8827 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 8828 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 8829 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 8830 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 8831 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 8832 under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars 8833 (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 8834 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. 8840 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 8841 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 8842 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 8843 8844 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 8845 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 8846 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 8847 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 8848 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 8849 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 8850 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 8851 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 8852 commission.

8853 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)8854 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 8855 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 8856 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 8857 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 8858 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 8859 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 8860 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 8861 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 8862 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 8863 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 8864

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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.

8877 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)8878 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 8879 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 8880 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 8881 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 8882 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 8883 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 8884 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 8885 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 8886 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 8887 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 8888 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 8889

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 337 R3/5 8890 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 8891 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.

8903 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 8904 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 8905 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 8906 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 8907 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 8908 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 8909 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 8910 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 8911 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 8912 this subsection.

8913 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 8914 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 338 R3/5 8915 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 8916 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 8917 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 8918 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 8919 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 8920 bonds.

8921 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)8922 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 8923 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 8924 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 8925 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 8926 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 8927 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 8928 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 8929 majority of its members.

8930 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 8931 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 8932 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 8933 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 8934 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 8935 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 8936 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 8937 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

8938 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 8939 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

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8940 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 8941 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 8942 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 8943 performance of all duties required by this section to be 8944 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 8945 interest thereon.

8946 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 8947 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 8948 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 8949 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 8950 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 8951 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 8952 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 8953 of securing the deposit of public funds.

8954 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 8955 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 8956 Mississippi.

8957 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 8958 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 8959 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

8960 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 8961 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 8962 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 8963 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 8964 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.

8971 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 8972 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 8973 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 8974 any existing law of this state.

8975 SECTION 46. (1) As used in this section, the following 8976 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 8977 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.

8985 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. 8986 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 8987 (a) (i) Forrest County Bridge Improvements Fund," is created within the 8988 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 8989 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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8990 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 8991 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 8992 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 8993 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 8994 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 Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Temple Road over Reese Creek and the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Brooklyn-Janice Road over Chaney Branch Creek in Forrest County, Mississippi.

9002 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 9003 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9004 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9005 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9006 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9007 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9008 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9009 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9010 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9011 directed by the commission.

9012 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9013 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9014 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 342 R3/5 9015 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9016 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9017 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9018 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9019 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9020 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9021 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9022 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 9023 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 9024 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 9025 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 9026 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 9027 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 9028 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 9029 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9030 this section after July 1, 2025.

9031 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9032 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9033 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9034 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9035 bonds.

9036 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9037 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9038 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9039 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 343 R3/5 9040 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9041 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9042 9043 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9044 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9045 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9046 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9047 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9048 commission.

9049 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9050 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9051 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 9052 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9053 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9054 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9055 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9056 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9057 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9058 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9059 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9060 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9061 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9062 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9063 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9064 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 9065 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9066 the State of Mississippi.

9067 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9068 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9069 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9070 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9071 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9072 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9073 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)9074 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9075 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9076 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9077 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9078 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 9079 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9080 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9081 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9082 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9083 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9084 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9085 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9086 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9087 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

9088 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 9089 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 345 R3/5 9090 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 9091 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 9092 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 9093 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.

9099 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9100 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 9101 9102 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9103 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9104 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9105 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9106 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9107 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9108 this subsection.

9109 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9110 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9111 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9112 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9113 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9114 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 346 R3/5 9115 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9116 bonds.

The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9117 (10)9118 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9119 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9120 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 9121 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9122 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9123 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9124 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9125 majority of its members.

9126 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)9127 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9128 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9129 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9130 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9131 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9132 9133 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9134 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9135 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9136 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9137 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9138 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9139 performance of all duties required by this section to be

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9140 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9141 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9142 9143 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9144 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9145 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9146 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9147 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9148 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 9149

9150 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9151 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9152 Mississippi.

9153 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9154 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9155 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9156 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9157 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9158 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9159 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9160 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9161 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9162 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9163 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9164 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 348 R3/5

9165 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9166 thereof.

9167 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9168 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9169 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9170 any existing law of this state.

9171 SECTION 47. (1) As used in this section, the following 9172 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9173 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.

9181 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 9182 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 9183 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 9184 West Lauderdale Athletic Complex Fund," is created within the 9185 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 9186 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 9187 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9188

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9189 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9190 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9191 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9192 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9193 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with site 9194 preparation and construction of the West Lauderdale Athletic 9195 Complex in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

9196 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 9197 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9198 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9199 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9200 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9201 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9202 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9203 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9204 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9205 directed by the commission.

9206 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9207 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9208 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9209 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9210 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9211 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9212 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9213 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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9214 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9215 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9216 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9217 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9218 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9219 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 9220 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 9221 9222 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 9223 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 9224 section after July 1, 2025.

9225 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9226 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9227 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9228 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9229 bonds.

9230 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 9231 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9232 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9233 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9234 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9235 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9236 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9237 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9238 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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9239 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9240 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9241 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9242 commission.

9243 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9244 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9245 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 9246 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9247 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9248 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9249 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9250 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9251 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9252 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9253 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9254 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9255 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9256 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9257 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9258 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 9259 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9260 the State of Mississippi.

9261 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9262 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9263 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 352 R3/5 9264 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9265 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9266 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9267 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)9268 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9269 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9270 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9271 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9272 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 9273 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9274 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9275 9276 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9277 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9278 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9279 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9280 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9281 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.

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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.

9293 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9294 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9295 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 9296 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9297 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9298 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9299 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9300 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9301 9302 this subsection.

9303 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9304 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9305 9306 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9307 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9308 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9309 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9310 bonds.

9311 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9312 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 354 R3/5 9313 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9314 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9315 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9316 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9317 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9318 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9319 majority of its members.

9320 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)9321 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9322 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9323 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9324 9325 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9326 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9327 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9328 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9329 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9330 9331 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9332 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9333 performance of all duties required by this section to be 9334 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9335 interest thereon.

9336 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9337 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 355 S 9338 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9339 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9340 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9341 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9342 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9343 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9344 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9345 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9346 Mississippi.

9347 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9348 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9349 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 9350 (16)9351 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9352 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9353 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9354 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9355 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9356 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9357 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9358 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9359 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9360 thereof.

9361 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
9362 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
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9363 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9364 any existing law of this state.

9365 **SECTION 48.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9366 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9367 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.

9377 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 9378 Jackson Public School District - Career Development Center 9379 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 9380 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 9381 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 9382 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 9383 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 9384 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 9385 shall be deposited into such fund.

9386 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9387 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI

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9388 Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, 9389 renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career 9390 9391 Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

9392 Amounts deposited into such special funds shall be (b) 9393 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9394 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9395 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9396 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9397 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9398 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9399 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9400 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9401 directed by the commission.

9402 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9403 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9404 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9405 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9406 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9407 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9408 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9409 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9410 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9411 9412 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the

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9413 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 9414 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 9415 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 9416 9417 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 9418 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty 9419 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9420 this section after July 1, 2025.

9421 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9422 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9423 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9424 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9425 bonds.

9426 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)9427 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9428 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9429 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9430 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9431 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9432 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9433 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9434 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9435 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9436

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9437 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9438 commission.

The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9439 (5) the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9440 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 9441 9442 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9443 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 9444 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9445 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9446 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9447 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9448 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9449 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9450 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9451 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9452 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9453 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9454 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 9455 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9456 the State of Mississippi.

9457 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9458 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9459 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9460 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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9461 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9462 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9463 (7)authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9464 9465 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9466 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9467 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9468 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 9469 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9470 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9471 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9472 9473 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 9474 9475 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9476 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9477 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.

9484 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9485 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 361 R3/5 9486 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 9487 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9488 dates named therein.

9489 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9490 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9491 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9492 9493 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9494 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9495 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9496 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9497 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9498 this subsection.

9499 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 9500 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9501 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9502 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9503 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9504 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9505 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9506 bonds.

9507 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9508 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9509 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9510 things which are specified or required by this section. Any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 362 R3/5 9511 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9512 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9513 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9514 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9515 majority of its members.

9516 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9517 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9518 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9519 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9520 9521 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9522 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9523 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9524 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)9525 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9526 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9527 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9528 9529 performance of all duties required by this section to be 9530 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9531 interest thereon.

9532 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9533 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9534 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9535 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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9536 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9537 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9538 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9539 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9540 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9541 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9542 Mississippi.

9543 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9544 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9545 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9546 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 9547 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9548 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9549 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9550 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9551 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9552 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9553 9554 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9555 9556 thereof.

9557 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9558 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9559 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9560 any existing law of this state.

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9561 **SECTION 49.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9562 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9563 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
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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

9573 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 9574 Wilkinson County - Jackson Point Road Bridge Fund," is created 9575 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 9576 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 9577 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 9578 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9579 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9580 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9581 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9582 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9583 Administration, to assist Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in paying 9584 costs associated with replacement of the Jackson Point Road Bridge 9585 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

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9586 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 9587 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 9588 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9589 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9590 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 9591 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9592 9593 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9594 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9595 directed by the commission.

9596 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9597 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9598 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9599 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9600 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9601 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9602 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9603 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9604 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9605 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9606 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9607 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9608 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9609 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 9610

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 9611 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 9612 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 9613 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 9614 after July 1, 2025.

9615 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9616 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9617 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9618 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9619 bonds.

9620 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9621 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 9622 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9623 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 9624 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9625 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9626 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9627 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9628 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9629 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9630 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9631 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 9632 commission.

9633 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 9634 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 9635 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

9636 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 9637 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9638 9639 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9640 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9641 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9642 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9643 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9644 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9645 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9646 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9647 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9648 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 9649 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9650 the State of Mississippi.

9651 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 9652 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 9653 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 9654 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 9655 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 9656 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

9657 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9658 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9659 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9660 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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9661 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9662 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9663 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 9664 9665 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9666 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9667 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9668 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9669 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9670 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9671 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.

9678 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9679 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 9680 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 9681 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9682 dates named therein.

9683 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9684 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 9685 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 369 R3/5 9686 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 9687 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 9688 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9689 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9690 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9691 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9692 this subsection.

9693 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 9694 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9695 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9696 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9697 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9698 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9699 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 9700 bonds.

9701 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 9702 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9703 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9704 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 9705 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9706 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9707 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9708 9709 majority of its members.

9710 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9711 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 9712 9713 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9714 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9715 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9716 9717 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9718 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9719 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9720 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9721 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 9722 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 9723 9724 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9725 interest thereon.

9726 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9727 9728 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9729 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9730 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9731 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9732 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 9733

9734 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9735 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9736 Mississippi.

9737 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9738 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9739 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9740 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9741 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9742 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9743 9744 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9745 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9746 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9747 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9748 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9749 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9750 thereof.

9751 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9752 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9753 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9754 any existing law of this state.

9755 **SECTION 50.** (1) As used in this section, the following 9756 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9757 clearly requires otherwise:

9758 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 9759 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 9760 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 9761 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 9762 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9763 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9764 maturity.

9765 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

9766 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

9767 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 9768 Jackson State University School of Public Health Fund," is created 9769 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 9770 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 9771 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 9772 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 9773 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 9774 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

9775 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9776 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9777 Administration, to pay costs associated with construction, 9778 furnishing, and equipping of and relocation of the Jackson State 9779 University School of Public Health to the main campus of the 9780 university.

9781 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 9782 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 373 R3/5 9783 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 9784 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 9785 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 9786 9787 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 9788 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9789 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9790 directed by the commission.

9791 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 9792 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9793 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 9794 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9795 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9796 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9797 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9798 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9799 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9800 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9801 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9802 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9803 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9804 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 9805 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 9806 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 9807

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9808 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 9809 this section after July 1, 2025.

9810 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 9811 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 9812 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 9813 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 9814 bonds.

9815 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 9816 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 9817 9818 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 9819 9820 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 9821 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 9822 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 9823 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 9824 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 9825 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 9826 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission. 9827

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
9829 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
9830 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
9831 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
9832 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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9833 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 9834 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 9835 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 9836 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 9837 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 9838 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 9839 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 9840 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 9841 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 9842 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 9843 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 9844 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 9845 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.

9852 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 9853 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 9854 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 9855 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 9856 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 9857 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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9858 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 9859 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 9860 9861 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 9862 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 9863 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 9864 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 9865 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 9866 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.

9873 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 9874 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 9875 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 9876 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 9877 dates named therein.

9878 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section
9879 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the
9880 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of
9881 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by
9882 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the
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9883 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 9884 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 9885 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 9886 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 9887 this subsection.

9888 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 9889 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 9890 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 9891 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 9892 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 9893 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 9894 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. 9895

9896 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)9897 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 9898 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 9899 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 9900 9901 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 9902 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 9903 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 9904 majority of its members.

9905 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 9906 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 9907 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 378 R3/5 9908 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 9909 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 9910 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 9911 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 9912 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

9913 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 9914 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 9915 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 9916 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 9917 9918 performance of all duties required by this section to be 9919 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 9920 interest thereon.

9921 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 9922 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 9923 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 9924 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 9925 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 9926 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 9927 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 9928 of securing the deposit of public funds.

9929 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 9930 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 9931 Mississippi.

9932 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 9933 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 9934 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

9935 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)9936 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 9937 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 9938 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 9939 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 9940 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 9941 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 9942 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 9943 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 9944 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 9945 thereof.

9946 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 9947 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 9948 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 9949 any existing law of this state.

9950 SECTION 51. (1) As used in this section, the following 9951 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 9952 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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9957 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 9958 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 9959 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 9961 (C) 9962 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 9963 Union County Bridge Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 9964 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 9965 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 9966 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 9967 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 9968 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 9969 shall be deposited into such fund.

9970 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 9971 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 9972 Administration, to assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying 9973 costs associated with repair and/or replacement of a bridge on 9974 County Road 81 in Union 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 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 381 R3/5 9982 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 9983 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 9984 directed by the commission.

9985 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 9986 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 9987 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 9988 9989 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 9990 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 9991 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 9992 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 9993 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 9994 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 9995 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 9996 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 9997 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 9998 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 9999 10000 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10001 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 10002 Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10003 section after July 1, 2025.

10004 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 10005 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 10006 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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10009 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)10010 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10011 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10012 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10013 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10014 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10015 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10016 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10017 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10018 10019 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10020 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10021 commission.

10022 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10023 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10024 10025 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10026 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10027 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10028 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10029 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 10030 10031 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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10032 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10033 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10034 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10035 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10036 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10037 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10038 10039 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.

10046 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 10047 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10048 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10049 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10050 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10051 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10052 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10053 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10054 10055 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10056 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 384 R3/5 10057 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10058 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10059 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10060 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10061 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10062 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10063 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10064 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10065 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10066 commission.

10067 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 10068 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 10069 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 10070 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 10071 dates named therein.

10072 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10073 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10074 10075 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10076 10077 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10078 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10079 10080 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 10081

10082 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 10083 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10084 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10085 10086 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10087 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10088 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10089 bonds.

10090 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10091 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10092 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10093 10094 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10095 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10096 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10097 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10098 majority of its members.

10099 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10100 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10101 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10102 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10103 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10104 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10105 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 10106

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10107 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 10108 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10109 10110 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 10111 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10112 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10113 10114 interest thereon.

10115 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10116 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10117 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10118 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10119 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10120 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10121 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10122 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10123 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10124 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10125 Mississippi.

10126 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10127 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10128 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10129 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 10130 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10131 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 387 R3/5 10132 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10133 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10134 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10135 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10136 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10137 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10138 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10139 thereof.

10140 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10141 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10142 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10143 any existing law of this state.

10144 SECTION 52. (1) As used in this section, the following 10145 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10146 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.

10154(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.10155(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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10156 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) City of Jackson Livingston Park Improvements Fund," is created 10157 10158 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 10159 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 10160 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 10161 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10162 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 10163 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.

10170 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 10171 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10172 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10173 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10174 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10175 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10176 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10177 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10178 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 10179

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10180 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10181 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10182 10183 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10184 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10185 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10186 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10187 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10188 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10189 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10190 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10191 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10192 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 10193 10194 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10195 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10196 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 10197 10198 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. 10204 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 10205 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10206 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10207 10208 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10209 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10210 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10211 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10212 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10213 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10214 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10215 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10216 commission.

10217 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10218 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10219 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10220 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10221 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10222 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10223 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10224 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 10225 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10226 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 10227 10228 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

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10229 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10230 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10231 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10232 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10233 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10234 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.

10241 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)10242 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10243 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10244 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10245 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 10246 10247 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10248 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10249 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10250 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10251 10252 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10253 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

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10254 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10255 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10256 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10257 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10258 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10259 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10260 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10261 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.

10267 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 10268 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 10269 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10270 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10271 10272 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10273 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10274 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10275 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10276 this subsection.

10277 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 10278 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 393 R3/5 10279 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10280 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10281 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10282 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10283 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10284 bonds.

10285 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10286 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10287 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10288 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10289 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10290 10291 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10292 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10293 majority of its members.

10294 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 10295 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10296 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10297 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10298 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10299 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10300 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10301 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10302 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10303 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.

10310 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10311 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10312 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10313 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10314 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10315 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10316 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10317 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.

10321 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10322 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10323 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

10329 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10330 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10331 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10332 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10333 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10334 thereof.

10335 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10336 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10337 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10338 any existing law of this state.

10339 SECTION 53. (1) As used in this section, the following 10340 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10341 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.

10350 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

10351 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 10352 City of Brookhaven - Brookway Boulevard Fund," is created within 10353 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

10354 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 10355 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 10356 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10357 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 10358 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 Brookhaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Brookway Boulevard in the City of Brookhaven.

10365 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10366 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10367 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10368 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10369 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10370 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10371 10372 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10373 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10374 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 397 R3/5 10379 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10380 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10381 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10382 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10383 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10384 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10385 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10386 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10387 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10388 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10389 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10390 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10391 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 10392 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 10393

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 10395 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 10396 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 10397 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 10398 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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10404 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10405 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10406 10407 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10408 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10409 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10410 10411 commission.

10412 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10413 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10414 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10415 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10416 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10417 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10418 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10419 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 10420 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10421 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10422 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10423 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10424 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10425 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10426 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10427 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

10428 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10429 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.

10436 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)10437 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10438 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10439 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10440 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 10441 10442 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10443 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10444 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10445 10446 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10447 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10448 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10449 10450 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10451 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10452 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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10453 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10454 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10455 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10456 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.

10462 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10463 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10464 10465 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10466 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10467 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10468 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10469 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10470 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10471 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 401 (S)FI (H)WM 10478 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10479 bonds.

10480 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10481 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10482 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10483 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 10484 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 10485 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10486 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10487 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10488 majority of its members.

10489 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10490 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10491 10492 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10493 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10494 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10495 10496 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10497 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10498 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 10499 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10500 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10501 performance of all duties required by this section to be 10502

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10503 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10504 interest thereon.

10505 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10506 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10507 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10508 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10509 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10510 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10511 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10512 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10513 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10514 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10515 Mississippi.

10516 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10517 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10518 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10519 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)10520 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10521 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10522 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10523 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10524 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10525 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10526 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10527 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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10528 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10529 thereof.

10530 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10531 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10532 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10533 any existing law of this state.

10534 SECTION 54. (1) As used in this section, the following 10535 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10536 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.

10544 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 10545 (C) 10546 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 10547 West Oxford Loop Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 10548 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 10549 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 10550 state. fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 10551

10552 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 10553 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 Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in Lafayette County.

10559 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10560 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10561 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10562 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10563 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10564 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10565 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10566 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10567 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10568 directed by the commission.

10569 (3)(a) (i) Subject to the provisions of this section, the 10570 commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by 10571 resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds 10572 of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs 10573 incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10574 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring that 10575 10576 funds have been irrevocably dedicated in the amount required under 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 405 R3/5

10577 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a) and declaring the 10578 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10579 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10580 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10581 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10582 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10583 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10584 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10585 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10586 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10587 10588 under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 10589 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 10590 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.

10598 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 10599 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 10600 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 10601 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 10602 bonds.

10603 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)10604 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10605 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 10606 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10607 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10608 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10609 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10610 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10611 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10612 10613 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10614 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10615 commission.

10616 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 10617 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10618 10619 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10620 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10621 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10622 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 10623 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 10624 10625 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 10626 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 10627 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10628 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10629 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10630 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 10631 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10632 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10633 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.

10640 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 10641 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10642 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10643 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10644 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10645 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10646 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10647 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10648 10649 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10650 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

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10651 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10652 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10653 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 10654 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

10655 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10656 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10657 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10658 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10659 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10660 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.

10666 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10667 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10668 10669 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10670 10671 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10672 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10673 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10674 this subsection. 10675

10676 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 10677 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10678 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 10679 10680 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10681 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10682 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10683 bonds.

10684 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)10685 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10686 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10687 10688 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10689 10690 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10691 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10692 majority of its members.

10693 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 10694 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10695 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10696 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 10697 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10698 10699 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 10700 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10701 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10702 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10703 10704 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 10705 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10706 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10707 10708 interest thereon.

10709 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10710 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10711 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10712 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10713 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10714 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10715 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10716 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10717 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10718 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10719 Mississippi.

10720 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 10721 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 10722 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

10723 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 10724 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10725 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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10726 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10727 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 10728 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10729 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 10730 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10731 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10732 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10733 thereof.

10734 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10735 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10736 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10737 any existing law of this state.

10738 **SECTION 55.** (1) As used in this section, the following 10739 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10740 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.

10748(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.10749(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 412 R3/5 10750 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 10751 City of Oxford Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 10752 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 10753 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 10754 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 10755 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 10756 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 10757 shall be deposited into such fund.

10758 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
10759 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
10760 Administration, to assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in
10761 paying costs associated with construction and development of
10762 Oxford Square Park and related facilities in the City of Oxford.

10763 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 10764 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10765 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10766 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10767 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10768 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10769 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10770 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10771 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10772 directed by the commission.

10773 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10774 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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10775 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10776 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10777 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 10778 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10779 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10780 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10781 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10782 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10783 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10784 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10785 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10786 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10787 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 10788 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10789 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 10790 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10791 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.

10797 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 10798 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10799 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such

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10800 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10801 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 10802 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 10803 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 10804 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 10805 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 10806 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 10807 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 10808 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 10809 commission.

10810 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 10811 10812 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 10813 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 10814 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 10815 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 10816 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 10817 10818 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 10819 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 10820 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 10821 10822 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 10823 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 10824 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

10825 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 10826 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 10827 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.

10834 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 10835 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 10836 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 10837 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 10838 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 10839 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 10840 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 10841 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 10842 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 10843 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 10844 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 10845 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 10846 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 10847 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 10848

10849 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 10850 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 10851 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 10852 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 10853 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 10854 commission.

10855 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 10856 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 10857 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 10858 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein. 10859

10860 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10861 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 10862 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 10863 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 10864 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 10865 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 10866 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 10867 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 10868 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 10869 this subsection.

10870 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 10871 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 10872 10873 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed

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10874 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 10875 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 10876 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 10877 bonds.

10878 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 10879 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 10880 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 10881 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 10882 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 10883 10884 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 10885 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 10886 majority of its members.

10887 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)10888 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 10889 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 10890 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 10891 10892 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 10893 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 10894 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

10895 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 10896 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 10897 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 10898 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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10899 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 10900 performance of all duties required by this section to be 10901 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 10902 interest thereon.

10903 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 10904 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 10905 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 10906 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 10907 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 10908 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 10909 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 10910 of securing the deposit of public funds.

10911 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 10912 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 10913 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.

10917 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 10918 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 10919 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 10920 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 10921 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 10922 10923 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 10924 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 10925 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 10926 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 10927 thereof.

10928 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 10929 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 10930 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 10931 any existing law of this state.

10932 SECTION 56. (1) As used in this section, the following 10933 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 10934 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.

10942 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

10943 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
City of Horn Lake Filtration System 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 420 R3/5 10949 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 10950 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 10951

10952 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 10953 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 10954 Administration, to assist the City of Horn Lake, Mississippi, in 10955 paying costs associated with acquisition and installation of a 10956 pressure filtration system on the well head providing water for 10957 the system providing water service to the Twin Lakes Subdivision 10958 area in the City of Horn Lake.

10959 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 10960 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 10961 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 10962 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 10963 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 10964 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 10965 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 10966 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 10967 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 10968 directed by the commission.

10969 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 10970 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 10971 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 10972 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 10973 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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10974 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 10975 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 10976 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 10977 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 10978 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 10979 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 10980 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 10981 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 10982 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 10983 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 10984 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 10985 10986 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 10987 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) 10988 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 10989 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 10990 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 10991 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 10992 bonds.

10993 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)10994 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 10995 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 10996 10997 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

10998 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 422

10999 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11000 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11001 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11002 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11003 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11004 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11005 commission.

11006 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 11007 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11008 11009 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11010 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11011 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11012 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11013 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11014 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11015 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11016 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11017 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11018 11019 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11020 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11021 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11022 11023 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.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 11030 (7)11031 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11032 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11033 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 11034 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11035 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11036 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11037 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11038 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11039 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 11040 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11041 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11042 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11043 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11044 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 11045 11046 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 11047

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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.

11056 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11057 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11058 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 11059 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11060 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11061 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11062 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11063 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11064 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11065 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11066 11067 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11068 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11069 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11070 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11071 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11072 11073 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 425 R3/5 11074 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 11075 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11076 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 11077 11078 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11079 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11080 11081 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11082 majority of its members.

11083 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 11084 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11085 11086 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 11087 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 11088 11089 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11090 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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11098 interest thereon.

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11099 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11100 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11101 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11102 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11103 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11104 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11105 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 11106 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.

11113 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11114 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 11115 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11116 11117 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11118 11119 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11120 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11121 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11122 11123 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.

11128 **SECTION 57.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11129 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11130 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.

11139 (C) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 11140 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of D'Iberville - Mallet Road Fund," is created within the 11141 11142 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11143 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11144 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 11145 11146 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 11147

(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.

11153 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 11154 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11155 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11156 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11157 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11158 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11159 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11160 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11161 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11162 directed by the commission.

11163 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 11164 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11165 11166 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11167 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11168 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11169 11170 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11171 11172 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 429 11173 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11174 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11175 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11176 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11177 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 11178 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 11179 11180 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 11181 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.

11187 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11188 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11189 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11190 11191 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11192 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11193 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11194 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11195 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11196 11197 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 11198 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11199 commission.

11200 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 11201 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 11202 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11203 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11204 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11205 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11206 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11207 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11208 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11209 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11210 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11211 11212 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11213 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11214 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11215 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 11216 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11217 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 431 11222 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 11223 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

11224 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 11225 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11226 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11227 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 11228 11229 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11230 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11231 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11232 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11233 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 11234 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11235 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11236 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11237 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11238 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.

11245 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 11246 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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11247 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 11248 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 11249 dates named therein.

11250 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11251 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11252 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 11253 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11254 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11255 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11256 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11257 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11258 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11259 this subsection.

11260 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 11261 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11262 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11263 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11264 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11265 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11266 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11267 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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11272 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11273 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11274 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11275 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11276 majority of its members.

11277 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 11278 11279 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11280 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11281 11282 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 11283 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11284 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11285 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)11286 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11287 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 11288 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11289 11290 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11291 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11292 interest thereon.

11293 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11294 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11295 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11296 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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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.

11307 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 11308 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11309 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11310 11311 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11312 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11313 11314 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11315 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11316 11317 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.

11322 SECTION 58. (1) As used in this section, the following 11323 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11324 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.

11334 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within 11335 11336 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11337 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11338 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 11339 11340 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 11341 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.

11347 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11348 11349 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11350 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11351 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11352 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11353 11354 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11355 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11356 directed by the commission.

11357 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 11358 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 11359 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11360 11361 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11362 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11363 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11364 11365 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11366 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11367 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11368 11369 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 11370 11371 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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11372 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11373 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand 11374 Dollars (\$120,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 11375 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.

11381 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11382 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11383 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11384 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11385 11386 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11387 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11388 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11389 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11390 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11391 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11392 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11393 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,

11397 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11398 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11399 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11400 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11401 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 11402 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11403 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11404 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11405 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11406 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11407 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11408 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11409 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11410 11411 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

11422 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11423 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11424 11425 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11426 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11427 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11428 11429 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11430 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11431 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11432 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 440 R3/5 11447 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 11448 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11449 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11450 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11451 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11452 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11453 this subsection.

11454 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11455 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11456 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11457 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11458 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11459 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11460 11461 bonds.

11462 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 11463 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11464 11465 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 11466 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11467 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11468 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11469 majority of its members. 11470

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 441 11471 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)11472 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11473 11474 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 11475 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11476 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11477 11478 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

11479 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11480 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11481 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11482 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 11483 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 11484 11485 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11486 interest thereon.

11487 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11488 11489 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11490 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11491 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11492 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11493 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 11494

(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.

11501 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)11502 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11503 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11504 11505 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11506 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11507 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11508 11509 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11510 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11511 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.

11516 **SECTION 59.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11517 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11518 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.

11526 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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11528 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 11529 Lake Hico Park and Northgate Park Fund," is created within the 11530 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 11531 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 11532 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 11533 11534 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 11535 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(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.

11542 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 11543 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 444 R3/5 11544 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11545 11546 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11547 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11548 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11549 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11550 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11551 directed by the commission.

11552 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 11553 11554 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11555 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11556 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11557 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11558 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11559 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11560 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11561 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11562 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11563 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11564 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11565 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11566 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11567 11568 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 11569 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 11570 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.

11576 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 11577 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11578 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11579 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11580 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11581 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11582 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11583 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11584 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11585 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11586 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11587 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11588 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 446 R3/5 11594 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11595 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11596 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 11597 11598 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11599 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11600 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11601 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11602 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11603 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11604 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 11605 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11606 the State of Mississippi.

11607 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 11608 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 11609 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 11610 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 11611 11612 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

11613 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)11614 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11615 11616 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 11617 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 11618

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11619 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 11620 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11621 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11622 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 11623 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11624 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11625 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11626 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11627 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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11644 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11645 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11646 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 11647 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11648 this subsection.

11649 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 11650 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11651 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11652 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11653 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11654 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 11655 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11656 bonds.

11657 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)11658 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11659 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11660 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 11661 11662 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11663 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11664 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 11665

(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 449 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.

11674 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11675 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 11676 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11677 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11678 11679 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11680 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11681 interest thereon.

11682 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11683 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11684 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11685 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11686 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 11687 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11688 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 11689 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 450 (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 11696 (16)11697 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 11698 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 11699 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11700 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11701 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11702 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11703 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11704 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11705 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11706 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.

11711 SECTION 60. (1) As used in this section, the following 11712 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11713 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,

11718 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 11719 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 11720 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 11722 (C) 11723 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Clay County - Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State 11724 11725 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 11726 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 11727 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 11728 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 11729 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 11730 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.

(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

11743 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 11744 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11745 directed by the commission.

11746 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 11747 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 11748 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11749 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11750 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11751 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11752 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11753 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11754 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11755 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11756 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11757 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11758 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11759 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11760 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 11761 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 11762 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 11763 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 11764

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 11766 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 11767 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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11770 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)11771 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 11772 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 11773 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11774 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11775 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11776 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11777 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11778 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11779 11780 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11781 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11782 commission.

11783 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 11784 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 11785 11786 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 11787 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11788 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11789 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 11790 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 11791 11792 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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11793 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 11794 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11795 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11796 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11797 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 11798 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 11799 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 11800 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.

11807 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 11808 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 11809 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 11810 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 11811 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 11812 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 11813 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 11814 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 11815 11816 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 11817

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 455 R3/5 11818 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 11819 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 11820 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 11821 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.

11833 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 11834 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 11835 11836 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 11837 11838 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 11839 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 11840 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 11841 this subsection. 11842

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11843 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 11844 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 11845 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 11846 11847 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 11848 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 11849 11850 bonds.

11851 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)11852 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11853 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 11854 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 11855 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 11856 11857 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 11858 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 11859 majority of its members.

The bonds authorized under the authority of this 11860 (11)11861 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 11862 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 11863 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 11864 11865 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 11866 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 11867 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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11868 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 11869 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 11870 11871 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 11872 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 11873 performance of all duties required by this section to be 11874 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 11875 interest thereon.

11876 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 11877 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 11878 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 11879 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 11880 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 11881 11882 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 11883 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

11893 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 11894 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 11895 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 11896 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 11897 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 11898 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 11899 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 11900 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.

11905 **SECTION 61.** (1) As used in this section, the following 11906 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 11907 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.

11915(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.11916(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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11917 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Monroe County Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State 11918 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 11919 11920 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 11921 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 11922 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 11923 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 11924 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.

11930 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 11931 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 11932 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 11933 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 11934 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 11935 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 11936 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 11937 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 11938 11939 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,11941 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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11942 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 11943 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 11944 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 11945 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 11946 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 11947 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 11948 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 11949 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 11950 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 11951 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 11952 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 11953 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 11954 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 11955 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 11956 11957 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 11958 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 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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11967 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 11968 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 11969 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 11970 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 11971 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 11972 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 11973 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 11974 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 11975 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 11976 commission.

11977 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 11978 11979 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 11980 The interest 11981 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 11982 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 11983 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 11984 11985 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 11986 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 11987 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 11988 11989 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 11990 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 11991 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.

12001 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 12002 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12003 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12004 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12005 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12006 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12007 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12008 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12009 12010 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12011 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12012 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12013 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12014 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12015 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

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12016 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12017 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12018 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12019 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12020 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12021 commission.

12022 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12023 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12024 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12025 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12026 dates named therein.

12027 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12028 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12029 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12030 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12031 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12032 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12033 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12034 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12035 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12036 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 464 R3/5 12041 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12042 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12043 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12044 bonds.

12045 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12046 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 12047 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12048 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12049 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12050 12051 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12052 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12053 majority of its members.

12054 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)12055 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 12056 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12057 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12058 12059 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12060 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12061 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

12066 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12067 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12068 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12069 interest thereon.

12070 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12071 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12072 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12073 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12074 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12075 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12076 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12077 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.

12081 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 12082 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 12083 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

12084 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 12085 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12086 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12087 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12088 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12089 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12090 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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12091 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12092 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12093 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12094 thereof.

12095 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12096 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12097 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12098 any existing law of this state.

12099 SECTION 62. (1) As used in this section, the following 12100 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12101 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.

12109 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

12110 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
Byram - Clinton Parkway Project 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 the fund at

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12116 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 12117 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 12118 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 Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of the Byram-Clinton Parkway project in Hinds County, Mississippi.

12124 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 12125 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12126 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12127 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12128 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 12129 12130 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12131 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12132 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 12133

12134 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 12135 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12136 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12137 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12138 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12139 12140 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

12141 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12142 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12143 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12144 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12145 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12146 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12147 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12148 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12149 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 12150 12151 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 12152

(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.

12158 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12159 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12160 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12161 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12162 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12163 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12164 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12165 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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12166 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12167 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12168 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12169 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12170 commission.

12171 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 12172 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 12173 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 12174 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12175 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12176 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12177 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12178 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12179 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12180 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12181 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12182 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12183 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12184 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12185 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12186 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 12187 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12188 the State of Mississippi.

12189 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 12190 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 470 S3/5 12191 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 12192 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 12193 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 12194 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12195 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 12196 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12197 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12198 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12199 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12200 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 12201 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12202 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12203 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12204 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12205 12206 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12207 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12208 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12209 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12210 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12211 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12212 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12213 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

12214 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12215 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)F: PAGE 471 (S)F: 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.

12221 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12222 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12223 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12224 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12225 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12226 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12227 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12228 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12229 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12230 this subsection.

12231 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12232 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12233 12234 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12235 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12236 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12237 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12238 bonds.

12239 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12240 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 472 R3/5 12241 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12242 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12243 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12244 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12245 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12246 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12247 majority of its members.

12248 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)12249 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12250 12251 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12252 12253 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12254 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12255 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12256 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12257 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12258 12259 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 12260 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12261 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12262 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12263 interest thereon.

12264 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12265 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 473 R3/5 12266 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12267 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12268 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12269 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12270 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12271 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.

12278 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)12279 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12280 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12281 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12282 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12283 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12284 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12285 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12286 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12287 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12288 thereof.

12289 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12290 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 474 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 12291 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12292 any existing law of this state.

12293 As used in this section, the following SECTION 63. (1)12294 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12295 clearly requires otherwise:

12296 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 12297 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 12298 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 12299 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 12300 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 12301 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 12302 maturity.

12303 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b)

12304 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 12305 (2)(a) (i) 12306 Town of Flora Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," is 12307 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 12308 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 12309 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 12310 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 12311 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 12312 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

12313 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 12314 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 12315 Administration, to assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in

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12316 paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water 12317 system and sewer system infrastructure.

12318 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 12319 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12320 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12321 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12322 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 12323 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 12324 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12325 12326 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12327 directed by the commission.

12328 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 12329 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12330 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12331 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12332 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12333 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12334 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 12335 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12336 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12337 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12338 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12339 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12340

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12341 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12342 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12343 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 12344 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 12345 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 12346 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.

12352 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12353 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12354 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12355 12356 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12357 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12358 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12359 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12360 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12361 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12362 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12363 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12364 commission.

12365 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 12366 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 12367 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 12368 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12369 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12370 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12371 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12372 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12373 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12374 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12375 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12376 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12377 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12378 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12379 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12380 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12381 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12382 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.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 478 12389 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 12390 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12391 12392 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12393 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12394 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12395 12396 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12397 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12398 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12399 12400 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12401 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12402 12403 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12404 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12405 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12406 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12407 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12408 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12409 commission.

12410 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12411 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12412 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

12413 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12414 dates named therein.

12415 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 12416 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 12417 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 12418 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12419 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12420 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12421 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12422 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12423 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12424 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12425 (9) 12426 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12427 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12428 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12429 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12430 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12431 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12432 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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12442 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 12443 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 12444 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12445 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 12446 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12447 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 12448 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12449 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12450 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)12451 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12452 12453 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 12454 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 12455 12456 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12457 interest thereon.

12458 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12459 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12460 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12461 12462 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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12463 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12464 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12465 of securing the deposit of public funds.

12466 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12467 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12468 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 12472 (16)12473 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12474 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12475 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12476 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12477 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12478 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12479 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12480 12481 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12482 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.

12487 SECTION 64. (1) As used in this section, the following 12488 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12489 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.

12498 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)12499 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the (a) (i) 12500 "Madison County Bozeman Road," is created within the State 12501 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 12502 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 12503 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 12504 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 12505 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 12506 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.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 483 12512 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 12513 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12514 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12515 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12516 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 12517 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12518 12519 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12520 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12521 directed by the commission.

12522 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 12523 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12524 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12525 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12526 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12527 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12528 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12529 12530 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12531 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12532 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12533 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12534 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12535 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12536 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

12537 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 12538 under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars 12539 (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 12540 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.

12546 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12547 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12548 12549 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12550 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12551 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12552 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12553 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12554 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12555 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12556 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12557 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12558 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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12562 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 12563 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 12564 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12565 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12566 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12567 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 12568 12569 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12570 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12571 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12572 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12573 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12574 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 12575 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12576 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 486 R3/5 12587 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 12588 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12589 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 12590 12591 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12592 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12593 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12594 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12595 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12596 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12597 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12598 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12599 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12600 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12601 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12602 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12603 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 487 R3/5 12612 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 12613 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 12614 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12615 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12616 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12617 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12618 this subsection.

12619 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12620 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12621 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12622 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12623 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12624 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12625 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12626 bonds.

12627 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12628 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12629 12630 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12631 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12632 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12633 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12634 12635 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 488 12636 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 12637 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 12638 12639 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 12640 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 12641 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 12642 12643 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

12644 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12645 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12646 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12647 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 12648 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 12649 12650 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12651 interest thereon.

12652 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12653 12654 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12655 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 12656 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12657 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12658 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 12659

12660 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12661 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12662 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.

12666 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)12667 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12668 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12669 12670 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12671 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12672 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12673 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12674 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12675 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12676 thereof.

12677 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12678 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12679 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12680 any existing law of this state.

12681 SECTION 65. (1) As used in this section, the following 12682 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12683 clearly requires otherwise:

"Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 12684 (a) 12685 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 12686 12687 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 12688 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 12689 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 12690 maturity.

"State" means the State of Mississippi. 12691 (b)

12692 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)

12693 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 12694 City of Clinton Road and Street Improvements Fund," is created 12695 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 12696 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 12697 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 12698 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 12699 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 12700 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

12701 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 12702 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 12703 Administration, to assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in 12704 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other 12705 improvements and upgrades to Arrow Drive and Northside Drive in the City of Clinton. 12706

12707 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 12708 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 491

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12709 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 12710 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 12711 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 12712 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 12713 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 12714 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 12715 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 12716 directed by the commission.

12717 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 12718 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 12719 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 12720 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 12721 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 12722 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 12723 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 12724 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 12725 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 12726 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 12727 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 12728 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 12729 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 12730 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 12731 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 12732 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 12733

12734 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 12735 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.

12741 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 12742 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12743 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12744 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12745 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12746 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12747 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12748 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12749 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12750 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12751 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 12752 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12753 commission.

12754 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by
12755 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and
12756 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
12757 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest
12758 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by
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)FI (H)WM R3/5 12759 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 12760 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12761 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12762 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12763 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12764 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12765 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 12766 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12767 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12768 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12769 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12770 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12771 the State of Mississippi.

12772 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 12773 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 12774 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 12775 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 12776 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 12777 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

12778 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)12779 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12780 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 12781 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12782 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 12783

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12784 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12785 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 12786 12787 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 12788 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 12789 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 12790 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 12791 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 12792 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

12793 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 12794 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 12795 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 12796 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 12797 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 12798 commission.

12799 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12800 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12801 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12802 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12803 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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12809 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12810 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12811 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12812 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12813 this subsection.

12814 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 12815 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 12816 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 12817 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 12818 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 12819 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 12820 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 12821 bonds.

12822 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)12823 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 12824 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12825 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 12826 12827 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12828 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 12829 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 12830 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 496 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.

12839 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 12840 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 12841 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 12842 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 12843 12844 performance of all duties required by this section to be 12845 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 12846 interest thereon.

12847 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 12848 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 12849 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 12850 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 12851 12852 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 12853 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 12854 of securing the deposit of public funds.

12855 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 12856 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 12857 Mississippi.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 497 12858 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 12859 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 12860 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

12861 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)12862 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 12863 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 12864 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 12865 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 12866 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 12867 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 12868 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 12869 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 12870 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 12871 thereof.

12872 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 12873 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 12874 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 12875 any existing law of this state.

12876 SECTION 66. (1) As used in this section, the following 12877 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 12878 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,

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 498 R3/5 12883 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 12884 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 12885 maturity.

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

12887 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

12888 (2) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, (a) 12889 or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for 12890 issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi 12891 to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-731. 12892 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development 12893 Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or 12894 all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, 12895 the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. 12896 Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 12897 12898 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 12899 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 12900 12901 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other 12902 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 12903 sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this 12904 section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No 12905 bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 12906 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 pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

12913 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (3) 12914 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 12915 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 12916 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 12917 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 12918 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 12919 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 12920 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 12921 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 12922 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 12923 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 12924 12925 commission.

(4) 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 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 500 R3/5 12932 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 12933 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 12934 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 12935 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 12936 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 12937 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 12938 12939 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 12940 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 12941 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 12942 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 12943 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.

(6) 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 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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12957 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 12958 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 12959 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission 12960 12961 shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may 12962 negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine 12963 to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All 12964 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable 12965 semiannually or annually.

12966 If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, 12967 notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least 12968 one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 12969 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 12970 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 12971 selected by the commission.

12972 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 12973 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 12974 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 12975 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 12976 dates named therein.

(7) 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

12982 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 12983 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 12984 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 12985 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 12986 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.

12994 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 12995 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 12996 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 12997 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 12998 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 12999 13000 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13001 13002 majority of its members.

(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,

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13007 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13008 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13009 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13010 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13011 (11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13012 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13013 13014 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 13015 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13016 performance of all duties required by this section to be 13017 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13018 interest thereon.

13019 (12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13020 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13021 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13022 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13023 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13024 13025 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13026 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.

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(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.

13033 (15)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 13034 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 13035 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 13036 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13037 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13038 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13039 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13040 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13041 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13042 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13043 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.

13048 **SECTION 67.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13049 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13050 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 505 R3/5 13055 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 13056 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 13057 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 13059 (C) 13060 (2) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) DeSoto County - Getwell Road Fund," is created within the State 13061 13062 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 13063 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 13064 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 13065 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 13066 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 13067 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

13068 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 13069 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 13070 Administration, to assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, in paying 13071 costs associated with five-laning the portion of Getwell Road from Lester to Pleasant Hill Road in DeSoto County. 13072

13073 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13074 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13075 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13076 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13077 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13078 13079 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt

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13080 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13081 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13082 directed by the commission.

13083 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 13084 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 13085 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13086 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13087 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13088 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13089 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13090 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13091 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13092 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13093 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13094 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13095 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13096 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13097 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13098 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13099 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 13100 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 13101

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 13103 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 13104 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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13107 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)13108 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 13109 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13110 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13111 13112 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 13113 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13114 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13115 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13116 13117 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13118 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13119 commission.

13120 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13121 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13122 13123 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13124 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13125 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13126 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13127 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 13128 13129 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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13130 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13131 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13132 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13133 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13134 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13135 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13136 13137 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.

13144 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13145 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13146 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13147 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13148 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13149 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13150 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13151 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13152 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13153 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13154

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13155 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13156 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13157 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13158 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

13159 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13160 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13161 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13162 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13163 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13164 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.

13170 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13171 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13172 13173 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13174 13175 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13176 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13177 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13178 this subsection. 13179

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13180 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 13181 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13182 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 13183 13184 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13185 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13186 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13187 bonds.

13188 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)13189 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13190 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13191 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13192 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13193 13194 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13195 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13196 majority of its members.

13197 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13198 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13199 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13200 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13201 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13202 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13203 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 13204 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 13205 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13206 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13207 13208 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 13209 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13210 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13211 13212 interest thereon.

13213 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13214 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13215 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13216 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13217 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13218 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13219 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13220 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.

13227 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
13228 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
13229 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 512 R3/5 13230 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13231 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13232 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13233 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13234 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13235 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13236 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13237 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.

13242 SECTION 68. (1) As used in this section, the following 13243 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13244 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.

13252(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.13253(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 513 R3/5 13254 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 13255 Claiborne County - ASU Foundation, Inc., Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 13256 13257 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 13258 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 13259 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 13260 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 13261 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

13262 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 13263 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 13264 Administration, to assist the ASU Foundation, Inc., in paying 13265 costs associated with repairing, renovating, restoring, 13266 rehabilitating, preserving, upgrading, improving, furnishing 13267 and/or equipping the Historic Oakland Memorial Chapel, Belles Lettres Hall, the Old President's Home, and the Historic Oakland 13268 13269 Memorial Cemetery in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

13270 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13271 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13272 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13273 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13274 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13275 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13276 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13277 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

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13278 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13279 directed by the commission.

13280 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 13281 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 13282 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13283 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13284 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13285 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13286 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13287 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13288 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13289 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13290 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13291 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13292 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13293 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13294 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13295 13296 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 13297 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 13298 section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
13300 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall
13301 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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13302 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 13303 bonds.

13304 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)13305 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 13306 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13307 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13308 13309 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 13310 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13311 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13312 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13313 13314 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13315 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13316 commission.

13317 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13318 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13319 13320 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13321 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13322 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13323 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13324 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 13325 13326 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 13327 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13328 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13329 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13330 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13331 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13332 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13333 13334 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.

13341 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13342 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13343 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13344 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13345 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13346 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13347 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13348 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13349 13350 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13351

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.

13356 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13357 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13358 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13359 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13360 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13361 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.

13367 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13368 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13369 13370 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13371 13372 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13373 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13374 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13375 this subsection. 13376

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13377 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 13378 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13379 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 13380 13381 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13382 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13383 13384 bonds.

13385 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)13386 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13387 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13388 13389 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13390 13391 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13392 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13393 majority of its members.

The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13394 (11)13395 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13396 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13397 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13398 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13399 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13400 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 13401

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13402 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13403 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13404 13405 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 13406 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13407 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13408 13409 interest thereon.

13410 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13411 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13412 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13413 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13414 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13415 13416 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13417 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 520 R3/5 13427 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 13428 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 13429 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 13430 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 13431 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13432 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13433 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13434 thereof.

13435 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 13436 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 13437 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 13438 any existing law of this state.

13439 **SECTION 69.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13440 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13441 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.

13449(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.13450(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 521 R3/5 13451 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 13452 City of Hazlehurst - Community Center/Emergency Storm Shelter Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 13453 13454 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 13455 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 13456 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 13457 13458 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 13459 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.

13465 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 13466 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13467 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13468 13469 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13470 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13471 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13472 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13473 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 13474

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13475 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 13476 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13477 13478 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13479 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13480 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13481 13482 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13483 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13484 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13485 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13486 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13487 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 13488 13489 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13490 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 13491 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 13492 section after July 1, 2025. 13493

(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. 13499 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 13500 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13501 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13502 13503 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13504 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13505 13506 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13507 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13508 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13509 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13510 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13511 commission.

13512 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13513 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13514 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13515 13516 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13517 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13518 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13519 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 13520 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13521 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 13522 13523 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.

13536 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)13537 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13538 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13539 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13540 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 13541 13542 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13543 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13544 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13545 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13546 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13547 13548 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 525 R3/5 13549 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13550 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

13551 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13552 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13553 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13554 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13555 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13556 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.

13562 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 13563 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13564 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13565 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13566 13567 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13568 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13569 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13570 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13571 this subsection.

13572 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13573 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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13580 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)13581 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 13582 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13583 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13584 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13585 13586 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13587 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13588 majority of its members.

13589 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 13590 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13591 13592 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13593 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13594 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13595 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13596 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13597 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13598 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.

13605 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13606 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13607 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13608 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13609 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13610 13611 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 13612

(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.

13634 **SECTION 70.** (1) As used in this section, the following 13635 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13636 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
City of Louisville Access Road Fund," is created within the State
Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

13649 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 13650 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 13651 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 13652 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 13653 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

13654 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 13655 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 13656 Administration, to assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in 13657 paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other 13658 transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will 13659 provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated 13660 for an economic development project on or near the location of 13661 Winston Plywood & Veneer.

13662 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13663 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13664 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 13665 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13666 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 13667 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13668 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13669 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13670 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 13671 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,13673 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

13674 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13675 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13676 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 13677 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13678 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 13679 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13680 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13681 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13682 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13683 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13684 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 13685 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 13686 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13687 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 13688 13689 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 13690 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

13699 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 13700 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13701 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 13702 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13703 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 13704 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13705 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13706 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13707 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13708 commission.

13709 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 13710 13711 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 13712 The interest 13713 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13714 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13715 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 13716 13717 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 13718 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13719 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13720 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 13721 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13722 13723 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 13724 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 13725 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13726 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.

13733 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13734 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13735 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13736 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 13737 13738 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13739 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13740 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13741 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13742 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 13743 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13744 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13745 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13746 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 13747

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13748 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 13749 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 13750 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 13751 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 13752 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 13753 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.

13759 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13760 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13761 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13762 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13763 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13764 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13765 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13766 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 13767 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13768 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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13773 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13774 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13775 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13776 bonds.

13777 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13778 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13779 13780 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13781 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13782 13783 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13784 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13785 majority of its members.

13786 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)13787 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 13788 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13789 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13790 13791 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 13792 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13793 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13794 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this
13795 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,
13796 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other
13797 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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13798 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13799 performance of all duties required by this section to be 13800 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13801 interest thereon.

13802 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13803 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 13804 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13805 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 13806 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 13807 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 13808 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 13809 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

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13823 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 13824 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 13825 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 13826 thereof.

13827 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 13828 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 13829 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 13830 any existing law of this state.

13831 SECTION 71. (1) As used in this section, the following 13832 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 13833 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.

13841 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

13842 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
Town of Eupora Road 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 the fund at the end of a

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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 Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Eupora.

13856 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 13857 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 13858 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 13859 13860 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 13861 13862 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 13863 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 13864 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 13865

13866 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 13867 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 13868 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 13869 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 13870 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 13871 13872 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

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13873 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 13874 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 13875 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 13876 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 13877 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 13878 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 13879 13880 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 13881 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars 13882 13883 (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 13884

13885 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into (b) the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 13886 13887 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 13888 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 13889 bonds.

13890 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 13891 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 13892 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 13893 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 13894 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 13895 13896 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 13897 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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13898 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 13899 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 13900 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 13901 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 13902 commission.

13903 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 13904 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 13905 13906 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 13907 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 13908 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 13909 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 13910 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 13911 13912 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 13913 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 13914 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 13915 13916 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 13917 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 13918 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 13919 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 13920 the State of Mississippi.

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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 540 S3/5 13923 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 13924 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 13925 13926 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

13927 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 13928 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 13929 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 13930 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 13931 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 13932 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 13933 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 13934 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 13935 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 13936 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 13937 13938 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 13939 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 13940 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 13941 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 13942 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

13943 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 13944 13945 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

13946 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission. 13947

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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.

13953 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 13954 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 13955 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 13956 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 13957 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 13958 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 13959 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 13960 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 13961 13962 this subsection.

13963 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 13964 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 13965 13966 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 13967 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 13968 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 13969 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 13970 bonds.

13971 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 13972 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 542 R3/5 13973 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 13974 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 13975 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 13976 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 13977 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 13978 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 13979 majority of its members.

13980 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)13981 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 13982 13983 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 13984 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 13985 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 13986 13987 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

13988 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 13989 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 13990 13991 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 13992 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 13993 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 13994 13995 interest thereon.

13996(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section13997shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 543 S3 13998 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 13999 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14000 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14001 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14002 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14003 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.

14010 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)14011 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14012 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 14013 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14014 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14015 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14016 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14017 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14018 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14019 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14020 thereof.

14021 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14022 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 544 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 14023 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14024 any existing law of this state.

14025 **SECTION 72.** (1) As used in this section, the following 14026 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14027 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.

14036 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 14037 (2)(a) (i) 14038 Town of French Camp Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created 14039 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 14040 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 14041 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 14042 14043 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 14044 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

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14050 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 14051 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14052 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14053 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14054 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14055 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14056 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14057 14058 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14059 directed by the commission.

14060 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 14061 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14062 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14063 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14064 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14065 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14066 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14067 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14068 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14069 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14070 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14071 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14072

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14073 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14074 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14075 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14076 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 14077 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 14078 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.

14084 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14085 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14086 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14087 14088 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14089 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14090 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14091 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14092 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14093 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14094 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14095 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14096 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 547 14097 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 14098 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 14099 14100 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14101 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14102 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14103 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14104 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14105 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14106 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14107 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14108 14109 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14110 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14111 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14112 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 14113 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 14114

(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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14121 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 14122 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14123 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14124 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 14125 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14126 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14127 14128 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14129 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14130 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14131 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14132 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14133 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14134 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14135 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14136 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14137 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14138 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14139 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14140 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14141 commission.

14142 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 14143 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 14144 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14147 (8) 14148 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14149 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 14150 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14151 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14152 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14153 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14154 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14155 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 14156

14157 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 14158 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14159 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14160 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14161 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14162 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14163 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14164 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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14170 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14171 14172 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14173 majority of its members.

14174 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 14175 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14176 14177 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14178 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14179 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14180 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14181 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14182 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)14183 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14184 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14185 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14186 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 14187 14188 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14189 interest thereon.

14190 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14191 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14192 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14193 14194 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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14195 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14196 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14197 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.

14204 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 14205 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14206 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14207 14208 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14209 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14210 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14211 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14212 14213 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14214 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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14219 SECTION 73. (1) As used in this section, the following 14220 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14221 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.

14231 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 14232 Choctaw County - Sturgis Road Fund, " is created within the State 14233 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 14234 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 14235 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 14236 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 14237 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 14238 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 Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying
costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and
improvements to Sturgis Road in Choctaw County.

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14244 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14245 14246 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14247 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14248 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14249 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14250 14251 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14252 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14253 directed by the commission.

14254 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 14255 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14256 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14257 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14258 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14259 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14260 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14261 14262 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14263 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14264 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14265 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14266 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 14267 14268 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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14269 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14270 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Twenty-five 14271 Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 14272 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.

14278 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14279 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14280 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14281 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14282 14283 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14284 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14285 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14286 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14287 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14288 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14289 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14290 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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14294 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14295 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14296 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14297 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14298 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 14299 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14300 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14301 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14302 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14303 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14304 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14305 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14306 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14307 14308 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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14319 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 14320 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14321 14322 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14323 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14324 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14325 14326 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14327 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14328 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14329 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.

14341 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14342 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14343 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 557 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.

14351 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14352 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14353 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14354 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14355 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14356 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14357 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14358 bonds.

14359 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 14360 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14361 14362 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14363 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14364 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14365 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14366 majority of its members. 14367

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 558 14368 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 14369 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14370 14371 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14372 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14373 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14374 14375 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14376 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14377 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14378 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14379 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14380 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 14381 14382 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14383 interest thereon.

14384 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14385 14386 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14387 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14388 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14389 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14390 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 14391

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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 14398 (16)14399 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14400 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14401 14402 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14403 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14404 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14405 14406 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14407 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14408 thereof.

14409 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14410 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 14411 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14412 any existing law of this state.

14413 SECTION 74. (1) As used in this section, the following 14414 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14415 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.

14423 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi. 14424 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 14425 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Chester - Tomnolen Road Fund," is created within the State 14426 14427 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 14428 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 14429 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 14430 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 14431 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 14432 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.

14439 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 14440 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 561 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 14441 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14442 14443 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14444 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14445 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14446 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14447 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14448 directed by the commission.

14449 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14450 14451 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14452 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14453 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14454 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14455 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14456 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14457 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14458 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14459 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14460 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14461 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 14462 14463 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14464 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 14465

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14466 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 14467 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.

14473 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 14474 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14475 14476 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14477 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14478 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14479 14480 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14481 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14482 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14483 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14484 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14485 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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14491 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14492 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 14493 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14494 14495 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14496 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14497 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14498 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14499 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14500 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14501 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 14502 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14503 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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14516 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 14517 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14518 14519 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14520 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14521 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14522 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14523 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14524 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 14541 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14542 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14543 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14544 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14545 this subsection.

14546 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 14547 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14548 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14549 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14550 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14551 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14552 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14553 bonds.

14554 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)14555 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14556 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14557 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 14558 14559 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14560 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14561 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14562 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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14566 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14567 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14568 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14569 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14570 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

14571 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14572 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14573 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14574 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 14575 14576 performance of all duties required by this section to be 14577 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14578 interest thereon.

14579 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14580 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14581 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14582 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14583 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14584 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14585 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14586 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. 14590 (15)The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 14591 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds. 14592 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 14593 (16)14594 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14595 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 14596 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14597 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14598 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14599 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14600 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14601 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14602 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14603 thereof.

14604 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 14605 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 14606 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 14607 any existing law of this state.

14608 **SECTION 75.** (1) As used in this section, the following 14609 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14610 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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14615 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 14616 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 14617 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 14619 (C) 14620 (2) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Grenada County - Business/Industrial Park Road Fund," is created 14621 14622 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 14623 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 14624 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 14625 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 14626 14627 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

14628 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 14629 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 14630 Administration, to assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying 14631 costs associated with preplanning, construction and development of, Business/Industrial Park Road in Grenada County. 14632

14633 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 14634 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14635 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 14636 14637 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14638 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14639

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14640 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14641 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14642 directed by the commission.

14643 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 14644 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 14645 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14646 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14647 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14648 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14649 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14650 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14651 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14652 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14653 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14654 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14655 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14656 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14657 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14658 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14659 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 14660 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 14661 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 14663 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 14664 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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14667 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)14668 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 14669 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 14670 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14671 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14672 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14673 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14674 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14675 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14676 14677 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14678 14679 commission.

14680 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 14681 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 14682 14683 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 14684 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14685 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 14686 14687 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 14688 14689 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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14690 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 14691 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 14692 14693 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14694 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 14695 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 14696 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 14697 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.

14704 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 14705 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14706 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14707 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 14708 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 14709 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14710 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14711 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14712 14713 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14714

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14715 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14716 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14717 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 14718 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

14719 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14720 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14721 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14722 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14723 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14724 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.

14730 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14731 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 14732 14733 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14734 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14735 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14736 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14737 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14738 this subsection. 14739

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14740 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 14741 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 14742 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 14743 14744 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14745 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14746 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14747 bonds.

14748 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)14749 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14750 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14751 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14752 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14753 14754 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14755 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14756 majority of its members.

14757 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 14758 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 14759 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14760 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 14761 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14762 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14763 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 14764

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14765 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 14766 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14767 14768 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 14769 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 14770 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14771 14772 interest thereon.

14773 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14774 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14775 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14776 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14777 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14778 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14779 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14780 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.

14784 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 14785 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 14786 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

14787 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 14788 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 14789 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 575 R3/5 14790 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 14791 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 14792 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 14793 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 14794 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14795 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14796 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14797 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.

14802 SECTION 76. (1) As used in this section, the following 14803 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14804 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.

14812(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.14813(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 576 R3/5 14814 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 14815 Pontotoc County Courthouse Fund, " is created within the State The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 14816 Treasurv. 14817 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 14818 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 14819 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 14820 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 14821 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 Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pontotoc County Courthouse.

14827 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 14828 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 14829 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 14830 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 14831 14832 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 14833 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 14834 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 14835 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 14836 directed by the commission.

14837 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 14838 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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14839 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 14840 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 14841 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 14842 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 14843 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 14844 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 14845 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 14846 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 14847 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 14848 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 14849 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 14850 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 14851 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 14852 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 14853 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 14854 Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 14855 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 578 R3/5 14864 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 14865 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 14866 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 14867 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 14868 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 14869 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 14870 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 14871 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 14872 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 14873 commission.

14874 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 14875 14876 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 14877 The interest 14878 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 14879 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 14880 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 14881 14882 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 14883 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 14884 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 14885 14886 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 14887 14888 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.

14898 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 14899 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 14900 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 14901 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 14902 14903 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 14904 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 14905 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 14906 14907 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 14908 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 14909 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 14910 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 14911 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 14912

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14913 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 14914 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 14915 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 14916 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 14917 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 14918 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.

14924 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14925 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 14926 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 14927 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 14928 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 14929 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 14930 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 14931 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 14932 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 14933 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 581 R3/5 14938 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 14939 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 14940 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 14941 bonds.

14942 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 14943 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 14944 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 14945 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 14946 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 14947 14948 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 14949 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 14950 majority of its members.

14951 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)14952 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 14953 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 14954 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 14955 14956 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 14957 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 14958 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 14959 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)

14960 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 14961 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 14962 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

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14963 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 14964 performance of all duties required by this section to be 14965 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 14966 interest thereon.

14967 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 14968 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 14969 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 14970 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 14971 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 14972 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 14973 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 14974 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

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14988 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 14989 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 14990 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 14991 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.

14996 SECTION 77. (1) As used in this section, the following 14997 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 14998 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.

15006 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

15007 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
Pontotoc County - W.A. Grist Building 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 584 R3/5 15013 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15014 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 15015

15016 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 15017 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 15018 Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying 15019 costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and 15020 equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the W. A. Grist 15021 building.

15022 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 15023 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15024 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15025 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15026 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15027 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15028 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 15029 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15030 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15031 directed by the commission.

15032 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 15033 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15034 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15035 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15036 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15037

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15038 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15039 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15040 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15041 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15042 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15043 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15044 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15045 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15046 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15047 15048 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 15049 15050 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

15062 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature

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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.

15069 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 15070 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 15071 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 15072 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15073 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15074 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15075 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15076 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 15077 15078 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15079 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15080 15081 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15082 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15083 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15084 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15085 15086 the State of Mississippi.

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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 15093 (7)15094 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 15095 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15096 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 15097 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15098 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 15099 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15100 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15101 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15102 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15103 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 15104 15105 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15106 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15107 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 15108 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15109 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 15110

15111 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

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15112 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15113 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.

15119 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15120 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15121 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15122 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15123 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15124 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15125 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15126 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15127 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15128 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 15129 15130 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15131 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15132 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15133 15134 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15135 15136 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 589 R3/5 15137 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 15138 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 15139 15140 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 15141 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15142 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15143 15144 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15145 majority of its members.

15146 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 15147 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 15148 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15149 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15150 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15151 15152 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15153 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

15161 interest thereon.

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15162 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15163 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15164 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15165 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 15166 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15167 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15168 15169 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 15176 (16)15177 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15178 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15179 15180 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15181 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15182 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15183 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15184 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15185 thereof. 15186

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15187 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15188 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15189 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15190 any existing law of this state.

15191 SECTION 78. (1) As used in this section, the following 15192 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15193 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.

15202 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15203 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 15204 Pontotoc County Chancery Court Building and Youth Court Facility 15205 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 15206 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 15207 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 15208 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 15209 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 15210 such fund. 15211

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 592 (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 Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility.

15218 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 15219 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15220 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15221 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15222 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15223 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15224 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 15225 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15226 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15227 directed by the commission.

15228 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15229 15230 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15231 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15232 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15233 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15234 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15235 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15236

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15237 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15238 15239 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15240 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15241 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15242 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15243 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 15244 15245 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 15246 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.

15252 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15253 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15254 15255 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15256 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15257 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15258 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15259 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15260 15261 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 594 R3/5

15262 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15263 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15264 commission.

15265 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 15266 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 15267 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 15268 The interest 15269 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15270 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15271 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15272 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 15273 15274 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15275 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15276 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15277 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15278 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15279 15280 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15281 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15282 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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15287 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 15288 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

15289 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)15290 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 15291 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15292 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 15293 15294 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 15295 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15296 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15297 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15298 15299 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15300 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15301 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15302 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15303 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15304 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15305 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15306 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15307 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15308 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15309 commission.

15310 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 15311 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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15312 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 15313 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 15314 dates named therein.

15315 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15316 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15317 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15318 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15319 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15320 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15321 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15322 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15323 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15324 this subsection.

15325 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 15326 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15327 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15328 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15329 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15330 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15331 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15332 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 597 R3/5 15337 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15338 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15339 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15340 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15341 majority of its members.

15342 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 15343 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 15344 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15345 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15346 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15347 15348 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15349 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15350 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)15351 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15352 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15353 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 15354 15355 performance of all duties required by this section to be 15356 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15357 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

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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.

15372 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15373 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15374 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15375 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15376 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15377 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15378 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15379 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15380 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15381 15382 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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15387 SECTION 79. (1) As used in this section, the following 15388 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15389 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. 15398 (C)15399 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of Shelby - Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Fund," is created 15400 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 15401 15402 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 15403 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 15404 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15405 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15406 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

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15411 improvements to Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive in the City of 15412 Shelby.

15413 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 15414 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15415 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15416 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15417 15418 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 15419 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15420 15421 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15422 directed by the commission.

15423 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 15424 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15425 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15426 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15427 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15428 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15429 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15430 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15431 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15432 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15433 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15434 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15435

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15436 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15437 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 15438 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15439 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 15440 Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 15441 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.

15447 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15448 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 15449 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15450 15451 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15452 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15453 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15454 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 15455 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15456 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15457 15458 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15459 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 602 15460 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 15461 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 15462 15463 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15464 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15465 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15466 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15467 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15468 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 15469 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15470 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15471 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15472 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15473 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15474 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15475 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15476 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15477 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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15484 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 15485 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15486 15487 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 15488 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15489 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15490 15491 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15492 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15493 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15494 15495 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15496 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15497 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15498 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15499 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15500 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15501 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15502 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15503 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15504 commission.

15505 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 15506 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 15507 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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15508 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 15509 dates named therein.

15510 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 15511 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 15512 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 15513 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15514 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15515 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15516 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15517 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15518 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15519 this subsection.

15520 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 15521 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15522 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15523 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15524 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15525 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15526 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15527 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 605 R3/5 15533 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15534 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15535 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15536 majority of its members.

15537 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 15538 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15539 15540 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15541 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15542 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 15543 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15544 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15545 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)15546 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15547 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15548 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 15549 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 15550 15551 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15552 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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15558 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15559 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15560 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.

15567 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 15568 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15569 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 15570 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15571 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15572 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15573 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15574 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15575 15576 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15577 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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15582 SECTION 80. (1) As used in this section, the following 15583 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15584 clearly requires otherwise:

15585 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date 15586 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 15587 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 15588 15589 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 15590 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 15591 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15594 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 15595 Belwood Levee Construction Fund," is created within the State 15596 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 15597 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 15598 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 15599 15600 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 15601 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

15602 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 15603 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Adams County, Mississippi, in paying the 15604 15605 costs related to the completion of the Belwood Levee in Adams 15606 County, Mississippi.

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15607 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15608 15609 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 15610 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15611 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 15612 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 15613 15614 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 15615 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 15616 directed by the commission.

15617 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 15618 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15619 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15620 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15621 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15622 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 15623 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15624 15625 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15626 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15627 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15628 15629 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15630 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 15631 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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15632 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15633 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 15634 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 15635 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.

15641 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15642 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 15643 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15644 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15645 15646 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 15647 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15648 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15649 15650 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 15651 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15652 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15653 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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15657 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 15658 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 15659 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15660 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15661 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 15662 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 15663 15664 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15665 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15666 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15667 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15668 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15669 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 15670 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15671 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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15682 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 15683 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15684 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 15685 15686 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15687 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15688 15689 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15690 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15691 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15692 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15693 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15694 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15695 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15696 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15697 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15698 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 612 R3/5 15707 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 15708 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 15709 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15710 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15711 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15712 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15713 this subsection.

15714 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 15715 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15716 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15717 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15718 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15719 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15720 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15721 bonds.

15722 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 15723 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 15724 15725 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 15726 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15727 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15728 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15729 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15730 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 613 15731 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)15732 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 15733 15734 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 15735 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 15736 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 15737 15738 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

15739 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 15740 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15741 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15742 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 15743 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 15744 15745 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15746 interest thereon.

15747 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15748 15749 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15750 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 15751 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15752 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15753 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 15754

15755 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 15756 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 15757 Mississippi.

15758 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 15759 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 15760 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

15761 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)15762 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 15763 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 15764 15765 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15766 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15767 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15768 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15769 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15770 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15771 thereof.

15772 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 15773 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 15774 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 15775 any existing law of this state.

15776 **SECTION 81.** (1) As used in this section, the following 15777 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15778 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.

15786 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

15787 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

15788 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 15789 Hancock County Fairgrounds Improvements Fund," is created within 15790 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 15791 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 15792 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15793 15794 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15795 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

15796 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
15797 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
15798 Administration, to assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying
15799 costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades, improvements
15800 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.

15811 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 15812 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 15813 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 15814 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 15815 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 15816 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 15817 15818 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 15819 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 15820 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 15821 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 15822 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 15823 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 15824 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 15825 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 15826 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 15827

15828 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 15829 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.

15835 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 15836 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 15837 15838 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 15839 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 15840 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 15841 15842 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 15843 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 15844 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 15845 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 15846 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 15847 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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15853 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 15854 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 15855 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 15856 15857 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 15858 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 15859 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 15860 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 15861 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 15862 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 15863 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 15864 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 15865 the State of Mississippi.

15866 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 15867 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 15868 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 15869 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 15870 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 15871 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

15872 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)15873 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 15874 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 15875 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 15876 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 15877

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15878 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 15879 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 15880 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 15881 15882 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 15883 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 15884 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 15885 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 15886 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

15887 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 15888 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 15889 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 15890 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 15891 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 15892 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

15903 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 15904 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 15905 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 15906 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 15907 this subsection.

15908 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 15909 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 15910 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 15911 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 15912 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 15913 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 15914 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 15915 bonds.

15916 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)15917 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 15918 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 15919 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 15920 15921 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 15922 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 15923 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 15924 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 621 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.

15933 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 15934 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 15935 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 15936 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 15937 15938 performance of all duties required by this section to be 15939 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 15940 interest thereon.

15941 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 15942 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 15943 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 15944 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 15945 15946 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 15947 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 15948 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 622 (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 15958 15959 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 15960 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 15961 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 15962 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 15963 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 15964 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 15965 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.

15970 **SECTION 82.** (1) As used in this section, the following 15971 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 15972 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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15977 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 15978 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 15979 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 15981 (C) 15982 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 15983 Town of Hickory Flat Road Improvements Fund," is created within 15984 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 15985 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 15986 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 15987 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 15988 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 15989 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

15990 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 15991 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 15992 Administration, to assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi, 15993 in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Hickory Flat. 15994

15995 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 15996 15997 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 15998 15999 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16000 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16001

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16002 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16003 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16004 directed by the commission.

16005 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16006 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16007 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16008 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16009 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16010 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16011 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16012 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16013 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16014 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16015 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16016 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16017 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16018 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16019 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16020 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16021 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars 16022 (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 16023

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 16025 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 16026 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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16029 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)16030 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16031 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 16032 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16033 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16034 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16035 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16036 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16037 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16038 16039 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16040 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16041 commission.

16042 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16043 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16044 16045 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16046 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16047 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16048 16049 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16050 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16051 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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16052 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16053 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16054 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16055 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16056 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16057 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16058 16059 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.

16066 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16067 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16068 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16069 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16070 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16071 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16072 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16073 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16074 16075 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16076 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

16077 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16078 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16079 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16080 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 16081 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice

16081 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16082 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16083 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16084 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16085 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16086 commission.

16087 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 16088 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 16089 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 16090 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 16091 dates named therein.

16092 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16093 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16094 16095 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16096 16097 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16098 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16099 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16100 this subsection. 16101

16102 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 16103 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16104 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16105 16106 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16107 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16108 16109 bonds.

16110 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)16111 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16112 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16113 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16114 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16115 16116 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16117 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16118 majority of its members.

The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16119 (11)16120 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16121 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16122 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16123 16124 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16125 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 16126 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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16127 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 16128 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16129 16130 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 16131 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16132 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16133 16134 interest thereon.

16135 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16136 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16137 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16138 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16139 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16140 16141 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16142 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16143 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16144 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16145 Mississippi.

16146 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16147 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16148 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

16149 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16150 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16151 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

16152 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16153 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16154 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16155 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16156 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16157 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16158 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16159 thereof.

16160 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16161 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16162 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16163 any existing law of this state.

16164 **SECTION 83.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16165 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16166 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.

16174 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.16175 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

16176 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) Marshall County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the 16177 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 16178 16179 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 16180 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 16181 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 16182 16183 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

16184 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
16185 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
16186 Administration, to assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying
16187 costs associated with replacement of the Bethleham Waterford
16188 Bridge over Tippah River in Marshall County.

16189 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 16190 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16191 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16192 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16193 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16194 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16195 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16196 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16197 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16198 directed by the commission.

16199 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16200 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

16201 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16202 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16203 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16204 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16205 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16206 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16207 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16208 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16209 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16210 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16211 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16212 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16213 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16214 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 16215 16216 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 16217 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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16226 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16227 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16228 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16229 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16230 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16231 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16232 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16233 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16234 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16235 commission.

16236 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16237 16238 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 16239 The interest 16240 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16241 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16242 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 16243 16244 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16245 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16246 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16247 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16248 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16249 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16250 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

16251 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16252 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16253 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.

16260 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16261 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16262 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16263 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16264 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16265 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16266 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16267 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16268 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16269 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16270 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16271 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16272 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16273 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 16274

16275 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16276 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16277 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16278 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16279 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16280 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.

16286 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16287 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16288 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16289 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16290 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16291 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16292 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16293 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16294 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16295 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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16300 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16301 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16302 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16303 bonds.

16304 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 16305 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16306 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16307 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16308 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16309 16310 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16311 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16312 majority of its members.

16313 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)16314 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16315 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16316 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16317 16318 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16319 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16320 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 16321 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)16322 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,

16323 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other

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16324 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

FI (H)WM R3/5 16325 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16326 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16327 16328 interest thereon.

16329 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16330 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16331 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16332 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16333 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16334 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16335 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16336 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16337 Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and (14)income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16338 16339 Mississippi.

16340 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16341 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds. 16342

16343 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16344 16345 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 16346 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16347 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16348 16349 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the

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16350 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16351 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16352 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16353 thereof.

16354 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16355 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16356 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16357 any existing law of this state.

16358 **SECTION 84.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16359 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16360 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.

16368 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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16369 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

16370 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Hattiesburg Infrastructure Improvements Fund," is created 16371 16372 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 16373 16374 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

16375 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 16376 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 16377

16378 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 16379 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 16380 Administration, to assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 16381 paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the 16382 Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, 16383 bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, 16384 land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.

16385 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 16386 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16387 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16388 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16389 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16390 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16391 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16392 16393 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16394 directed by the commission.

16395 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16396 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16397 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16398 16399 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution

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16400 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16401 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16402 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16403 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16404 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16405 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16406 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16407 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16408 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16409 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16410 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 16411 16412 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 16413 after July 1, 2025.

(b) 16414 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 16415 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 16416 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 16417 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 16418 bonds.

16419 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)16420 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16421 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16422 16423 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,

16424 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 641

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.

16432 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16433 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16434 16435 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16436 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16437 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16438 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16439 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16440 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16441 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 16442 16443 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16444 16445 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16446 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16447 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16448 the State of Mississippi. 16449

(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.

16456 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)16457 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16458 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16459 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16460 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 16461 16462 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16463 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16464 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16465 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16466 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 16467 16468 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16469 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16470 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16471 16472 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 16473

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16475 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16476 commission.

16477 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 16478 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 16479 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 16480 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 16481 dates named therein.

16482 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16483 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16484 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16485 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16486 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16487 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16488 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16489 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16490 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16491 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 16492 16493 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16494 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16495 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16496 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16497 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16498 16499 bonds.

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16500 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16501 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 16502 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16503 16504 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 16505 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 16506 16507 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16508 majority of its members.

16509 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16510 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16511 16512 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 16513 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16514 16515 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16516 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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16524 interest thereon.

16525 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16526 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16527 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16528 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16529 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16530 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16531 16532 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 16539 (16)16540 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16541 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16542 16543 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16544 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16545 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16546 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16547 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16548 16549 thereof.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 16550 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16551 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16552 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16553 any existing law of this state.

16554 **SECTION 85.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16555 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16556 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. 16565 (C) 16566 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Noxubee County Emergency Operations Center Fund, " is created 16567 16568 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 16569 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 16570 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 16571 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16572 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 16573

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16574 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 16575 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying 16576 costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a 16577 16578 county emergency operations center and related facilities.

16579 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16580 16581 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16582 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16583 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16584 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16585 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16586 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16587 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16588 directed by the commission.

16589 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 16590 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16591 16592 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16593 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16594 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16595 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16596 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16597 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16598

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16599 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 16600 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 16601 16602 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16603 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16604 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16605 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 16606 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 16607 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.

16613 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 16614 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16615 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16616 16617 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16618 16619 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16620 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16621 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 16622 16623 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in (S)FI (H)WM

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16624 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16625 commission.

16626 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 16627 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16628 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16629 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16630 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16631 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16632 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16633 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16634 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16635 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16636 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16637 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16638 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16639 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16640 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16641 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16642 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 16643 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 650 16648 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 16649 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

16650 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)16651 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 16652 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16653 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16654 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16655 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 16656 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16657 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16658 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 16659 16660 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16661 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16662 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 16663 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16664 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

16665 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16666 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16667 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16668 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16669 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16670 commission.

16671The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of16672this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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16676 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16677 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16678 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16679 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16680 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16681 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16682 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16683 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16684 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16685 this subsection.

16686 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 16687 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16688 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16689 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16690 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16691 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16692 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16693 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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16703 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16704 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16705 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16706 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16707 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16708 16709 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16710 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

16711 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)16712 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 16713 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16714 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 16715 16716 performance of all duties required by this section to be 16717 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16718 interest thereon.

16719 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
16720 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
16721 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
16722 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 653 R3/5 16723 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 16724 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16725 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16726 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16727 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16728 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16729 Mississippi.

16730 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16731 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16732 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

16733 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16734 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16735 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 16736 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16737 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16738 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16739 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16740 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 16741 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16742 16743 thereof.

16744 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16745 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16746 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16747 any existing law of this state.

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16748 **SECTION 86.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16749 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16750 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. 16759 (C)16760 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of Morton Road Improvements Fund," is created within the 16761 16762 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 16763 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 16764 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 16765 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 16766 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 16767 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

16768 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
16769 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
16770 Administration, to assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in
16771 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and

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16772 improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and 16773 surrounding areas in the City of Morton.

16774 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 16775 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16776 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16777 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16778 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16779 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16780 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16781 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16782 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16783 directed by the commission.

16784 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 16785 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16786 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16787 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16788 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16789 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16790 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16791 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 16792 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16793 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16794 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 16795 16796 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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16797 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 16798 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 16799 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 16800 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 16801 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 16802 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.

16808 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 16809 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 16810 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 16811 16812 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 16813 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 16814 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 16815 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 16816 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 16817 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 16818 16819 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 16820 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 657 16821 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 16822 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 16823 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 16824 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 16825 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 16826 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 16827 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 16828 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 16829 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 16830 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 16831 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 16832 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 16833 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 16834 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 16835 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 16836 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 16837 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 16838

(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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16845 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 16846 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 16847 16848 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 16849 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 16850 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 16851 16852 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 16853 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 16854 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 16855 16856 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 16857 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 16858 16859 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

16860 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 16861 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 16862 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 16863 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 16864 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 16865 commission.

16866 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 16867 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 16868 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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16869 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 16870 dates named therein.

16871 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 16872 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 16873 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 16874 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 16875 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 16876 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 16877 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 16878 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 16879 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 16880 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 16881 (9) 16882 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 16883 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 16884 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 16885 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 16886 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 16887 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 16888 bonds.

16889 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 16890 16891 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 16892 16893 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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16894 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 16895 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 16896 16897 majority of its members.

16898 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 16899 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 16900 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 16901 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 16902 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 16903 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 16904 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 16905 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

16906 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)16907 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 16908 16909 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 16910 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 16911 16912 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 16913 interest thereon.

16914 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 16915 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 16916 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 16917 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 16918 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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16919 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 16920 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 16921 of securing the deposit of public funds.

16922 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 16923 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 16924 Mississippi.

16925 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 16926 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 16927 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 16928 (16)16929 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 16930 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 16931 16932 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 16933 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 16934 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 16935 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 16936 16937 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 16938 thereof.

16939 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 16940 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 16941 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 16942 any existing law of this state.

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16943 **SECTION 87.** (1) As used in this section, the following 16944 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 16945 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.

16954 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)16955 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 16956 Scenic Rivers Development Alliance and Land Acquisition 16957 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 16958 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 16959 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 16960 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 16961 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 16962 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 16963 shall be deposited into such fund.

16964 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
16965 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
16966 Administration, to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in
16967 paying costs associated with the acquisition of approximately one
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16968 hundred fifty (150) acres of land from the United States 16969 Department of Agriculture and located in Franklin County, 16970 Mississippi, and related road and other infrastructure 16971 improvements, including the repayment of debt incurred by Scenic 16972 Rivers Development Alliance for such purposes before the effective 16973 date of this act.

16974 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 16975 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 16976 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 16977 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 16978 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 16979 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 16980 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 16981 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 16982 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 16983 directed by the commission.

16984 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 16985 16986 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 16987 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 16988 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 16989 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 16990 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 16991 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 16992

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16993 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 16994 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 16995 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 16996 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 16997 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 16998 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 16999 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred 17000 17001 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued 17002 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.

17008 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17009 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17010 17011 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17012 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17013 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17014 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17015 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17016 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17017 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 665 R3/5

17018 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17019 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17020 commission.

17021 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17022 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 17023 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17024 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17025 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17026 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17027 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17028 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17029 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17030 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17031 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17032 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17033 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17034 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17035 17036 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17037 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17038 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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17043 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 17044 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

17045 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17046 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 17047 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17048 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17049 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17050 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17051 17052 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17053 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17054 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 17055 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17056 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17057 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17058 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17059 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17060 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17061 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less 17062 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 17063 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17064 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17065 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 667 R3/5 17068 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 17069 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 17070 dates named therein.

17071 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17072 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17073 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17074 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17075 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17076 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17077 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17078 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17079 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17080 this subsection.

17081 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17082 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17083 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17084 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17085 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17086 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17087 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17088 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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17093 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17094 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17095 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17096 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17097 majority of its members.

17098 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 17099 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 17100 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17101 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17102 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17103 17104 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17105 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17106 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17107 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17108 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17109 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17110 17111 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17112 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17113 interest thereon.

17114 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section
17115 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and
17116 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
17117 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 17118 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17119 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17120 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17121 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.

17125 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 17126 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 17127 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

17128 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17129 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17130 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17131 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17132 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17133 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17134 17135 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17136 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17137 17138 thereof.

17139 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 17140 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 17141 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 17142 any existing law of this state.

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17143 SECTION 88. (1) As used in this section, the following 17144 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17145 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. 17154 (C) 17155 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) Pike County Courthouse Complex Repair and Renovation Fund," is 17156 17157 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 17158 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 17159 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 17160 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 17161 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 17162 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 Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and

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17167 improvements to the Pike County Courthouse Complex buildings and 17168 related facilities.

17169 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17170 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17171 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17172 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17173 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17174 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17175 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17176 17177 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17178 directed by the commission.

17179 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17180 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17181 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17182 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17183 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17184 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17185 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17186 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17187 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17188 17189 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 17190 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 17191 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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)FI (H)WM R3/5 17192 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 17193 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 17194 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 17195 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 17196 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 17197 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.

17203 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17204 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17205 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17206 17207 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17208 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17209 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17210 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17211 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17212 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17213 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17214 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17215 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 673 17216 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17217 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17218 17219 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17220 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17221 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17222 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17223 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17224 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17225 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17226 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17227 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17228 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17229 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17230 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17231 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17232 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17233 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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17240 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17241 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17242 17243 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17244 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17245 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17246 17247 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17248 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17249 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17250 17251 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17252 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17253 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17254 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17255 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17256 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less 17257 than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so 17258 published in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17259 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17260 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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17264 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 17265 dates named therein.

17266 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 17267 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17268 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17269 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17270 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17271 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17272 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17273 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17274 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17275 this subsection.

17276 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17277 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17278 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17279 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17280 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17281 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17282 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17283 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 676 R3/5 17289 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17290 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17291 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17292 majority of its members.

17293 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 17294 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 17295 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17296 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17297 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17298 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17299 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17300 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17301 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17302 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17303 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17304 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17305 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 17306 17307 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17308 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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17314 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17315 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17316 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.

17323 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17324 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17325 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17326 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17327 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17328 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17329 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17330 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17331 17332 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17333 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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17338 **SECTION 89.** (1) As used in this section, the following 17339 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17340 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.

17349 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

17350 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Marion County Courthouse Square Fund," is created within the State 17351 17352 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 17353 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 17354 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 17355 17356 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 17357 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

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17362 improvements to streets and roads and other infrastructure 17363 improvements to and near the Marion County Courthouse Square.

17364 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 17365 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17366 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17367 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17368 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17369 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17370 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17371 17372 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17373 directed by the commission.

17374 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17375 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17376 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17377 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17378 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17379 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17380 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17381 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17382 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17383 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17384 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17385 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17386 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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17387 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17388 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 17389 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17390 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 17391 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 17392 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.

17398 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17399 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17400 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17401 17402 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17403 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17404 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17405 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17406 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17407 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17408 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17409 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17410 commission.

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17411 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 17412 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 17413 17414 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17415 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17416 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17417 17418 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17419 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17420 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17421 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17422 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17423 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17424 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17425 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17426 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 17427 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 17428

(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 682 17435 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 17436 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 17437 17438 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 17439 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17440 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17441 17442 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17443 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17444 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17445 17446 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17447 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17448 17449 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17450 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17451 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17452 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17453 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17454 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17455 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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17459 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 17460 dates named therein.

17461 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 17462 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 17463 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 17464 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17465 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17466 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17467 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17468 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17469 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17470 this subsection.

17471 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 17472 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17473 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17474 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17475 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17476 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17477 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17478 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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17484 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17485 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17486 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17487 majority of its members.

17488 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 17489 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17490 17491 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17492 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17493 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 17494 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17495 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17496 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)17497 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17498 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17499 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17500 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 17501 17502 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17503 interest thereon.

17504 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17505 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17506 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17507 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17508 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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17509 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17510 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17511 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.

17518 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 17519 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17520 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17521 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17522 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17523 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17524 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17525 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17526 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17527 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17528 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.

17533 SECTION 90. (1) As used in this section, the following 17534 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17535 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.

17544 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)17545 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 17546 City of Columbia - Walter Payton Field Fund," is created within 17547 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 17548 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 17549 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 17550 17551 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 17552 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.

17558 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17559 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17560 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17561 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17562 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17563 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 17564 17565 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17566 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17567 directed by the commission.

17568 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17569 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17570 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17571 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17572 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17573 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17574 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17575 17576 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17577 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17578 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17579 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17580 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 17581 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17582 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

17583 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17584 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 17585 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 17586 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.

17592 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17593 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17594 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17595 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17596 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17597 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17598 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17599 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17600 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17601 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17602 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17603 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17604 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,

17608 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17609 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 17610 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17611 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 17612 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 17613 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17614 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17615 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17616 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17617 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17618 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17619 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17620 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 17621 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17622 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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17633 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 17634 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17635 17636 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17637 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17638 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17639 17640 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17641 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17642 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 17643 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

17644 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17645 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17646 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17647 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17648 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17649 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

17658 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 17659 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 17660 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17661 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17662 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17663 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17664 this subsection.

17665 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 17666 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17667 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17668 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17669 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17670 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17671 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17672 bonds.

17673 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 17674 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 17675 17676 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 17677 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17678 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17679 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17680 majority of its members. 17681

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 692 17682 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)17683 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 17684 17685 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 17686 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 17687 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 17688 17689 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

17690 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 17691 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17692 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17693 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 17694 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17695 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17696 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17697 interest thereon.

17698 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17699 17700 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17701 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17702 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17703 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17704 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 17705

(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.

17712 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)17713 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17714 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17715 17716 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17717 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17718 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17719 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17720 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17721 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17722 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.

17727 SECTION 91. (1) As used in this section, the following 17728 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17729 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.

17737 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17738 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

17739 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 17740 City of Baldwyn Municipal Buildings Fund," is created within the 17741 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 17742 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 17743 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 17744 17745 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 17746 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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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 17755 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17756 17757 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 17758 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17759 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 17760 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 17761 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 17762 directed by the commission.

17763 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 17764 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17765 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17766 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17767 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17768 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17769 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17770 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17771 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17772 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17773 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17774 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17775 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 17776 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17777 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17778 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 17779

17780 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 17781 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.

17787 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17788 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17789 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17790 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17791 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17792 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17793 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17794 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17795 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17796 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 17797 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17798 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17799 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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17805 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 17806 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 17807 17808 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 17809 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 17810 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 17811 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 17812 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 17813 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 17814 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 17815 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 17816 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 17817 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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17830 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 17831 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 17832 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 17833 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 17834 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 17835 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 17836 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 17837 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 17838

17839 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 17840 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 17841 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 17842 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 17843 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 17844 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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)FI (H)WM R3/5 17855 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 17856 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 17857 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 17858 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 17859 this subsection.

17860 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 17861 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 17862 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 17863 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 17864 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 17865 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 17866 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 17867 bonds.

17868 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)17869 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 17870 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 17871 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 17872 17873 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 17874 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 17875 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 17876 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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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.

17885 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 17886 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 17887 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 17888 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 17889 17890 performance of all duties required by this section to be 17891 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 17892 interest thereon.

17893 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 17894 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 17895 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 17896 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 17897 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 17898 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 17899 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 17900 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.

17907 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)17908 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 17909 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 17910 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 17911 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 17912 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 17913 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 17914 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 17915 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 17916 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 17917 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.

17922 SECTION 92. (1) As used in this section, the following 17923 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 17924 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,

17929 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 17930 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 17931 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 17933 (C) 17934 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tate County Chromcraft Lake Fund," is created within the State 17935 17936 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 17937 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 17938 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 17939 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 17940 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 17941 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.

17948 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 17949 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 17950 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 17951 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 17952 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 17953 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 703 R3/5

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.

17958 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 17959 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 17960 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 17961 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 17962 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 17963 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 17964 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 17965 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 17966 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 17967 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 17968 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 17969 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 17970 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 17971 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 17972 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 17973 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 17974 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 17975 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 17976

17977 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 17978 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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17982 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 17983 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 17984 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 17985 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 17986 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 17987 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 17988 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 17989 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 17990 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 17991 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 17992 17993 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 17994 commission.

17995 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 17996 17997 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 17998 17999 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18000 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18001 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18002 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18003 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

18004 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18005 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18006 18007 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18008 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18009 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18010 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 18011 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18012 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.

18019 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 18020 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18021 18022 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18023 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18024 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18025 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18026 18027 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18028

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 706 R3/5 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.

18034 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18035 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18036 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18037 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18038 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18039 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.

18045 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 18046 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18047 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18048 18049 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18050 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18051 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18052

18053 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18054 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18055 (9) 18056 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18057 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18058 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18059 18060 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18061 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18062 bonds.

18063 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18064 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 18065 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 18066 Anv 18067 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18068 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18069 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18070 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18071 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 18078 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18079 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18080 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18081 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18082 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18083 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 18084 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 18085 performance of all duties required by this section to be 18086 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18087 interest thereon.

18088 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18089 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18090 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18091 18092 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18093 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18094 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 18095

18096 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18097 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18098 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 709 18102 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18103 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 18104 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18105 18106 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18107 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18108 18109 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18110 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18111 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18112 thereof.

18113 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18114 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18115 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18116 any existing law of this state.

18117 SECTION 93. (1) As used in this section, the following 18118 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18119 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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18127 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

18128 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18129 (a) (i) Attala County Courthouse Fund," is created within the State 18130 18131 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18132 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18133 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 18134 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18135 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 18136 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 Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Attala County Courthouse.

18142 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 18143 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18144 18145 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18146 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18147 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18148 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18149 18150 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 18151

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18152 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 18153 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18154 18155 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18156 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18157 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18158 18159 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18160 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18161 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18162 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18163 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18164 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18165 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18166 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18167 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18168 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 18169 18170 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. 18176 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18177 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18178 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18179 18180 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18181 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18182 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18183 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18184 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18185 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18186 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18187 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18188 commission.

18189 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18190 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18191 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 18192 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18193 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18194 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18195 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18196 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 18197 18198 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 18199 18200 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.

18213 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18214 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18215 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18216 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18217 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 18218 18219 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18220 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18221 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18222 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 18223 18224 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18225 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

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18226 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18227 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

18228 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18229 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18230 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18231 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18232 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18233 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 18239 (8) 18240 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18241 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18242 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18243 18244 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18245 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18246 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18247 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18248 this subsection.

18249 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18250 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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18251 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18252 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18253 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18254 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18255 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18256 bonds.

18257 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)18258 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 18259 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18260 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18261 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18262 18263 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18264 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18265 majority of its members.

18266 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18267 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18268 18269 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 18270 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18271 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18272 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18273 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18274 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18275 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.

18282 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18283 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18284 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18285 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18286 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18287 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18288 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 18289 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

18301 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18302 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18303 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18304 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18305 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18306 thereof.

18307 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18308 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18309 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18310 any existing law of this state.

18311 SECTION 94. (1) As used in this section, the following 18312 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18313 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.

18323 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18324 City of Kosciusko - Hugh Ellard Park Fund," is created within the 18325 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State

18326 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 18327 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 18328 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 18329 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 18330 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.

18336 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 18337 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18338 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18339 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18340 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18341 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18342 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18343 18344 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18345 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

18351 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18352 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18353 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18354 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18355 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18356 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18357 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18358 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18359 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18360 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18361 18362 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 18363 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 18364

(b) 18365 Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 18366 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 18367 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 18368 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 18369 bonds.

18370 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)18371 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18372 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18373 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18374

18375 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 720

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18376 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18377 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18378 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18379 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18380 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18381 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18382 commission.

18383 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18384 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 18385 18386 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18387 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18388 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18389 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18390 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18391 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18392 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 18393 18394 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18395 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18396 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18397 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18398 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 18399 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 18400

18401 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 18402 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 18403 18404 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 18405 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 18406 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18407 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18408 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18409 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18410 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18411 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 18412 18413 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18414 18415 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18416 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18417 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 18418 18419 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18420 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18421 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 18422 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 18423

ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18424 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

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18426 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18427 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.

18433 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18434 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18435 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18436 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18437 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18438 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18439 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18440 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18441 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18442 this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18443 18444 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18445 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18446 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18447 18448 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18449 18450 bonds.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 723 R3/5 18451 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18452 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18453 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18454 18455 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18456 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18457 18458 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18459 majority of its members.

18460 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18461 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 18462 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18463 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18464 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18465 18466 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18467 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

18475 interest thereon.

18476 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18477 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18478 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18479 18480 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18481 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18482 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 18483 of securing the deposit of public funds.

18484 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18485 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18486 Mississippi.

18487 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 18488 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 18489 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18490 (16)18491 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18492 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18493 18494 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18495 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18496 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18497 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18498 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18499 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18500 thereof.

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 18501 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18502 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18503 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18504 any existing law of this state.

18505 SECTION 95. (1) As used in this section, the following 18506 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18507 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. 18516 (C) 18517 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Kosciusko School District Fund," is created within the State 18518 18519 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18520 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18521 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 18522 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18523 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 18524

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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 in paying costs associated with the
administration, development and operation of the Kosciusko School
District Pre-Kindergarten Program.

18530 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18531 18532 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18533 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18534 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18535 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 18536 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18537 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18538 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18539 directed by the commission.

18540 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 18541 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18542 18543 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18544 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18545 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18546 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18547 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18548 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18549

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18550 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18551 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18552 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18553 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18554 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18555 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18556 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 18557 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 18558 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.

18564 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18565 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18566 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18567 18568 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18569 18570 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18571 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18572 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18573 18574 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in

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18575 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18576 commission.

18577 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 18578 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18579 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 18580 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18581 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18582 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18583 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18584 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18585 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18586 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18587 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18588 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18589 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18590 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18591 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18592 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 18593 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18594 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

18599 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 18600 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18601 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18602 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18603 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18604 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18605 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18606 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 18607 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18608 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18609 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18610 18611 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 18612 18613 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18614 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18615 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

18616 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18617 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18618 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18619 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18620 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18621 commission.

18622The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of18623this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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18624 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 18625 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 18626 dates named therein.

18627 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 18628 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 18629 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 18630 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 18631 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 18632 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 18633 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 18634 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 18635 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 18636 this subsection.

18637 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 18638 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18639 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18640 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18641 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18642 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18643 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18644 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 731 R3/5 18649 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18650 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 18651 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18652 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18653 majority of its members.

18654 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 18655 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 18656 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18657 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18658 18659 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 18660 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18661 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18662 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)18663 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18664 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18665 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 18666 18667 performance of all duties required by this section to be 18668 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18669 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 732 R3/5 18674 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18675 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18676 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 18677 of securing the deposit of public funds.

18678 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 18679 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 18680 Mississippi.

18681 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 18682 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 18683 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

18684 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 18685 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18686 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 18687 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18688 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18689 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18690 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18691 18692 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18693 18694 thereof.

18695 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18696 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18697 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18698 any existing law of this state.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 733 R3/5 18699 SECTION 96. (1) As used in this section, the following 18700 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18701 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.

18710 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)18711 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 18712 Leake County - HooperMill Creek Road Fund," is created within the 18713 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 18714 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 18715 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 18716 18717 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 18718 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.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 734 R3/5 18724 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 18725 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 18726 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 18727 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 18728 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 18729 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 18730 18731 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 18732 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 18733 directed by the commission.

18734 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 18735 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 18736 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18737 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18738 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18739 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 18740 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18741 18742 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18743 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18744 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18745 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18746 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18747 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 18748 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

18749 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18750 under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 18751 Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 18752 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.

18758 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18759 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 18760 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18761 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18762 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18763 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 18764 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18765 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18766 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18767 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18768 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18769 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18770 commission.

18771 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 18772 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 18773 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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18774 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 18775 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 18776 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18777 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18778 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 18779 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 18780 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18781 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18782 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18783 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18784 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18785 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18786 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 18787 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18788 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.

18795 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
18796 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,
18797 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
18798 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 737 R3/5 18799 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 18800 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18801 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 18802 18803 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18804 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18805 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 18806 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 18807 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 18808 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 18809 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

18810 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 18811 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 18812 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 18813 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 18814 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 18815 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 738 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.

18831 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 18832 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 18833 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 18834 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 18835 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 18836 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 18837 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 18838 bonds.

18839 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 18840 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 18841 18842 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 18843 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 18844 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 18845 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 18846 majority of its members. 18847

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 739 18848 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)18849 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 18850 18851 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 18852 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 18853 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 18854 18855 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

18856 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 18857 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 18858 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 18859 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 18860 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 18861 18862 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 18863 interest thereon.

18864 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 18865 18866 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 18867 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 18868 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 18869 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 18870 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 18871

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

18875 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 18876 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 18877 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

18878 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)18879 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 18880 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 18881 18882 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 18883 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 18884 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 18885 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 18886 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 18887 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 18888 thereof.

18889 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 18890 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 18891 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 18892 any existing law of this state.

18893 SECTION 97. (1) As used in this section, the following 18894 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 18895 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.

18903 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

18904 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18905 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 18906 Tunica County - Battle Arena Fund," is created within the State 18907 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 18908 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 18909 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 18910 18911 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 18912 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

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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.

18928 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 18929 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 18930 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 18931 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 18932 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 18933 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 18934 18935 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 18936 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 18937 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 18938 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 18939 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 18940 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 18941 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 18942 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 18943 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 18944

18945 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 18946 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.

18952 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 18953 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 18954 18955 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 18956 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 18957 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 18958 18959 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 18960 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 18961 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 18962 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 18963 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 18964 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 744 R3/5 18970 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 18971 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 18972 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 18973 18974 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 18975 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 18976 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 18977 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 18978 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 18979 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 18980 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 18981 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 18982 the State of Mississippi.

18983 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 18984 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 18985 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 18986 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 18987 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 18988 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

18989 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)18990 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 18991 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 18992 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 18993 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 18994

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18995 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 18996 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 18997 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 18998 18999 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19000 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19001 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19002 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19003 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19004 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19005 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19006 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19007 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19008 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19009 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

19020 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19021 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19022 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19023 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19024 this subsection.

19025 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19026 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 19027 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19028 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19029 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19030 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19031 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19032 bonds.

19033 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)19034 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 19035 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19036 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 19037 19038 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19039 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19040 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19041 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 747 R3/5 19045 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19046 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19047 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19048 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19049 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19050 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19051 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 19052 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19053 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19054 19055 performance of all duties required by this section to be 19056 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19057 interest thereon.

19058 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19059 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19060 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19061 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19062 19063 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19064 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19065 of securing the deposit of public funds.

19066 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 19067 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 19068 Mississippi. 19069 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 19070 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 19071 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

19072 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)19073 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19074 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19075 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19076 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19077 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19078 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19079 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19080 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19081 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19082 thereof.

19083 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19084 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 19085 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19086 any existing law of this state.

19087 SECTION 98. (1) As used in this section, the following 19088 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19089 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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19094 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 19095 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 19096 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 19098 (C) 19099 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 19100 Itawamba School District Fund," is created within the State 19101 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19102 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19103 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19104 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 19105 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19106 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 Itawamba County 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 750 R3/5 19119 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19120 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19121 directed by the commission.

19122 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 19123 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19124 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19125 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19126 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19127 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19128 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19129 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19130 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19131 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19132 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19133 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19134 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19135 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19136 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19137 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19138 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 19139 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 19140 after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 19142 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 19143 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 19146 (4)19147 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19148 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19149 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19150 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19151 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19152 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19153 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19154 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19155 19156 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19157 19158 commission.

19159 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19160 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19161 19162 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19163 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19164 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19165 19166 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 19167 19168 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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19169 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19170 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19171 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19172 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19173 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19174 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19175 19176 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 Ocmmercial 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.

19183 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19184 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19185 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19186 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19187 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19188 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19189 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19190 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19191 19192 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19193

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 753 R3/5 19194 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19195 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19196 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19197 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19198 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19199 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19200 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19201 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19202 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19203 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.

19209 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19210 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19211 19212 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19213 19214 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19215 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19216 19217 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection. 19218

19219 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 19220 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19221 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19222 19223 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19224 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19225 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19226 bonds.

19227 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)19228 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 19229 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19230 19231 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19232 19233 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19234 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19235 majority of its members.

19236 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 19237 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 19238 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19239 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19240 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19241 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19242 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 19243 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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19244 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19245 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19246 19247 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19248 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19249 performance of all duties required by this section to be 19250 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19251 interest thereon.

19252 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19253 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19254 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19255 19256 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19257 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19258 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19259 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.

19266 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
19267 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
19268 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of

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19269 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19270 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19271 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19272 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19273 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19274 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19275 19276 thereof.

19277 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19278 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 19279 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19280 any existing law of this state.

19281 SECTION 99. (1) As used in this section, the following 19282 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19283 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.

19291(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.19292(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 757 R3/5 19293 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 19294 Itawamba County - 911 Center Fund," is created within the State The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19295 Treasurv. 19296 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19297 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19298 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19299 19300 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.

19306 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19307 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19308 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19309 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19310 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19311 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19312 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19313 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19314 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19315 directed by the commission.

19316 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 19317 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

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19318 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19319 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19320 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19321 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19322 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19323 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19324 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19325 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19326 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19327 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19328 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19329 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19330 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19331 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 19332 19333 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 19334 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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19343 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19344 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19345 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19346 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19347 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19348 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19349 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19350 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19351 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19352 commission.

19353 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19354 19355 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 19356 The interest 19357 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19358 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19359 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 19360 19361 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19362 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19363 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19364 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19365 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19366 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19367 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.

19377 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19378 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19379 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19380 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 19381 19382 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19383 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19384 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19385 19386 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 19387 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19388 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19389 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19390 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 19391

19392 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19393 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19394 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19395 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19396 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19397 commission.

19398 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19399 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19400 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the 19401 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 19402 dates named therein.

19403 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19404 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19405 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19406 19407 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19408 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19409 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19410 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19411 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19412 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 762 R3/5 19417 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19418 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19419 bonds. 19420

19421 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 19422 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19423 19424 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19425 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19426 19427 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19428 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19429 majority of its members.

19430 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)19431 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 19432 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19433 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19434 19435 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19436 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19437 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19438 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)19439 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19440 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19441

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19442 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 19443 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19444 interest thereon. 19445

19446 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19447 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 19448 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19449 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19450 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19451 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19452 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19453 of securing the deposit of public funds.

19454 Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and (14)19455 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 19456 Mississippi.

19457 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 19458 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds. 19459

19460 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19461 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19462 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19463 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19464 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19465 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19466

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19467 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19468 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19469 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19470 thereof.

19471 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19472 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 19473 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19474 any existing law of this state.

19475 **SECTION 100.** (1) As used in this section, the following 19476 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19477 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.

19485 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.19486 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021
City of Fulton Natural Gas System 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 765 R3/5 19492 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 19493 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 19494 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.

19500 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19501 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19502 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19503 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19504 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19505 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19506 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19507 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19508 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19509 directed by the commission.

19510 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 19511 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19512 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19513 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19514 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19515 19516 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general

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19517 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19518 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19519 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19520 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19521 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19522 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 19523 19524 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19525 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 19526 19527 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 19528 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.

19534 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19535 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19536 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19537 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19538 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19539 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19540 19541 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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19542 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19543 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19544 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19545 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19546 commission.

19547 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19548 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19549 19550 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19551 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19552 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19553 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19554 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19555 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19556 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19557 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19558 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19559 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19560 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19561 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19562 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 19563 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19564 the State of Mississippi.

19565 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 19566 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 768 S3/5 19567 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 19568 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 19569 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 19570 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

19571 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19572 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19573 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19574 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19575 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19576 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 19577 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19578 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19579 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19580 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19581 19582 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19583 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19584 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19585 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19586 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19587 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19588 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19589 in one or more newspapers published or having a general

19590 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission. 19591

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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.

19597 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19598 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19599 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19600 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19601 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19602 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19603 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19604 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19605 19606 this subsection.

19607 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19608 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19609 19610 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19611 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19612 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19613 19614 bonds.

19615 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 19616 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

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19617 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 19618 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 19619 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 19620 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19621 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19622 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19623 majority of its members.

19624 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)19625 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19626 19627 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19628 19629 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 19630 19631 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

19632 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 19633 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19634 19635 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19636 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 19637 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19638 19639 interest thereon.

19640 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19641 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 771 R3/5 19642 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 19643 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 19644 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 19645 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19646 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19647 of securing the deposit of public funds.

19648 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 19649 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 19650 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.

19654 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)19655 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19656 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19657 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19658 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19659 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19660 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19661 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 19662 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19663 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19664 thereof.

19665 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 19666 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 772 (S)FI (H)WM 19667 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 19668 any existing law of this state.

19669 SECTION 101. (1) As used in this section, the following 19670 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19671 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.

19680 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2)19681 (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 19682 Long Beach School District Fund," is created within the State 19683 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 19684 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 19685 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 19686 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 19687 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 19688 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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19692 construction, furnishing and equipping of a technology education 19693 center for the Long Beach School District.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 19694 (b) 19695 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 19696 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19697 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19698 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19699 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19700 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19701 19702 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19703 directed by the commission.

19704 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 19705 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19706 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19707 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19708 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19709 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19710 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 19711 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19712 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19713 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19714 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19715 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19716

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19717 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 19718 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19719 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19720 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 19721 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 19722 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.

19728 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19729 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 19730 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19731 19732 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19733 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19734 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19735 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 19736 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19737 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19738 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19739 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19740 commission.

19741 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19742 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19743 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 19744 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19745 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19746 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19747 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19748 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19749 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19750 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19751 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19752 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19753 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19754 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19755 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19756 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 19757 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19758 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.

19765 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19766 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19767 19768 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 19769 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19770 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19771 19772 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19773 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19774 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19775 19776 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19777 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19778 19779 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19780 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19781 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19782 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19783 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19784 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19785 commission.

19786 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 19787 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 19788 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

19789 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 19790 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19791 (8) 19792 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19793 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 19794 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19795 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19796 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19797 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19798 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19799 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19800 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19801 (9) 19802 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 19803 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19804 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19805 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 19806 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 19807 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 19808 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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19814 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 19815 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 19816 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 19817 majority of its members.

19818 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 19819 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 19820 19821 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 19822 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 19823 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 19824 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 19825

19826 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)19827 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 19828 19829 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 19830 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 19831 19832 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 19833 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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19839 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 19840 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 19841 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.

19845 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 19846 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 19847 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 19848 (16)19849 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 19850 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 19851 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 19852 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 19853 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 19854 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 19855 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 19856 19857 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 19858 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.

19863 SECTION 102. (1) As used in this section, the following 19864 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 19865 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.

19874 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)19875 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within the 19876 19877 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 19878 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 19879 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 19880 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 19881 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 19882 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.

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19888 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 19889 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 19890 19891 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 19892 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 19893 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 19894 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 19895 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 19896 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 19897 directed by the commission.

19898 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 19899 19900 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 19901 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 19902 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 19903 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 19904 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 19905 19906 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 19907 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 19908 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 19909 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 19910 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 19911 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 19912

19913 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 19914 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 19915 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 19916 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.

19922 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 19923 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 19924 19925 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 19926 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 19927 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 19928 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 19929 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 19930 19931 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 19932 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 19933 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 19934 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 19936 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 19937 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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19938 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 19939 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 19940 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 19941 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 19942 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 19943 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 19944 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 19945 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 19946 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 19947 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 19948 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 19949 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 19950 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 19951 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 19952 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.

19959 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 19960 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 19961 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 19962 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and

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19963 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 19964 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 19965 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 19966 19967 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 19968 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 19969 19970 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 19971 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 19972 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 19973 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

19974 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 19975 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than 19976 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 19977 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 19978 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 19979 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.

19985 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 19986 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 19987 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 785 R3/5 19988 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 19989 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 19990 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 19991 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 19992 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 19993 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 19994 this subsection.

19995 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 19996 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 19997 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 19998 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 19999 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20000 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20001 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20002 bonds.

20003 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 20004 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20005 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20006 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20007 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20008 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20009 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20010 majority of its members. 20011

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 786 20012 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20013 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20014 20015 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20016 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20017 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20018 20019 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20020 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20021 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 20022 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20023 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20024 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20025 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20026 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20027 interest thereon.

20028 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20029 20030 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20031 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 20032 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20033 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20034 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 20035

(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.

20042 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20043 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20044 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20045 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20046 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20047 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20048 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20049 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20050 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20051 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20052 thereof.

20053 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20054 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 20055 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20056 any existing law of this state.

20057 SECTION 103. (1) As used in this section, the following 20058 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20059 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.

20067 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

20068 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

20069 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20070 City of Gautier Amphitheater/Museum Fund," is created within the 20071 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 20072 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 20073 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 20074 20075 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 20076 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.

20082 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 20083 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20084 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has

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20085 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20086 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20087 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20088 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 20089 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20090 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20091 directed by the commission.

20092 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 20093 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20094 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20095 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20096 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20097 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20098 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20099 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20100 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20101 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20102 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20103 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20104 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20105 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20106 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20107 under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 20108

20109 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 20110 after July 1, 2025.

20111 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 20112 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 20113 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 20114 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 20115 bonds.

20116 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 20117 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20118 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20119 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20120 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20121 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20122 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20123 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20124 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20125 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20126 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20127 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20128 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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20134 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20135 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 20136 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20137 20138 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20139 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20140 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20141 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20142 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20143 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20144 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20145 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20146 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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20159 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20160 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20161 20162 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20163 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20164 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20165 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20166 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20167 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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20184 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20185 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20186 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20187 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20188 this subsection.

20189 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20190 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 20191 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20192 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20193 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20194 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20195 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20196 bonds.

20197 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20198 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20199 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20200 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20201 20202 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20203 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20204 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20205 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 794 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.

20214 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20215 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 20216 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20217 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20218 20219 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20220 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20221 interest thereon.

20222 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20223 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20224 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20225 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20226 20227 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20228 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20229 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. 20233 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section 20234 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including 20235 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

20236 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20237 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20238 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20239 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20240 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20241 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20242 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20243 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20244 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20245 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20246 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.

20251 SECTION 104. (1) As used in this section, the following 20252 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20253 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. 20262 (C) 20263 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20264 City of Laurel Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 20265 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 20266 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 20267 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 20268 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 20269 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 20270 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 797 R3/5 20283 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20284 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20285 directed by the commission.

20286 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 20287 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20288 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20289 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20290 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20291 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20292 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20293 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20294 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20295 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20296 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20297 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20298 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20299 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20300 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20301 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20302 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 20303 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 20304

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 20306 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 20307 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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20310 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)20311 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20312 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20313 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20314 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20315 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20316 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20317 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20318 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20319 20320 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20321 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20322 commission.

20323 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20324 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20325 20326 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20327 20328 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20329 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20330 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 20331 20332 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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20333 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20334 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20335 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20336 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20337 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20338 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20339 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20340 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.

20347 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20348 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20349 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20350 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20351 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20352 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20353 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20354 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20355 20356 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20357

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20358 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20359 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20360 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20361 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.

20373 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20374 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20375 20376 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20377 20378 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20379 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20380 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20381 this subsection. 20382

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20383 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 20384 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20385 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20386 20387 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20388 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20389 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20390 bonds.

20391 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20392 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20393 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20394 20395 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20396 20397 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20398 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20399 majority of its members.

20400 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20401 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20402 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20403 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20404 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20405 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20406 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 20407

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 802 R3/5 20408 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20409 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20410 20411 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20412 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20413 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20414 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20415 interest thereon.

20416 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20417 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20418 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20419 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 20420 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20421 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20422 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20423 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 803 R3/5 20433 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20434 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20435 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20436 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20437 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20438 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20439 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20440 thereof.

20441 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20442 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 20443 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20444 any existing law of this state.

20445 **SECTION 105.** (1) As used in this section, the following 20446 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20447 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.

20455 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.20456 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

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20457 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 20458 Town of D'Lo Fire Station Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 20459 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20460 20461 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 20462 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20463 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20464 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

20465 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 20466 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 20467 Administration, to assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying 20468 costs associated with construction of a fire station.

20469 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 20470 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20471 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20472 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20473 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20474 20475 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 20476 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20477 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 20478

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
20480 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
20481 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 805 R3/5 20482 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20483 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20484 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20485 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20486 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20487 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20488 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20489 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20490 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20491 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20492 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20493 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 20494 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20495 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 20496 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 20497 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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20507 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20508 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20509 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20510 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20511 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20512 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20513 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20514 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20515 commission.

20516 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20517 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20518 20519 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20520 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20521 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20522 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20523 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 20524 20525 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20526 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20527 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20528 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20529 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20530 20531 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20532 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20533 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.

20540 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)20541 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20542 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20543 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20544 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20545 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20546 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20547 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 20548 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20549 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20550 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 20551 20552 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20553 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20554 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

20555 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 20556 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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20557 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 20558 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 20559 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 20560 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.

20566 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20567 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20568 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20569 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20570 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20571 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20572 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20573 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20574 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20575 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 809 R3/5 20582 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20583 bonds.

20584 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)20585 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 20586 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20587 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20588 20589 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20590 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20591 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20592 majority of its members.

20593 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)20594 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20595 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20596 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20597 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20598 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20599 20600 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20601 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20602 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 20603 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20604 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20605 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 20606

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20607 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20608 interest thereon.

20609 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20610 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20611 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 20612 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 20613 20614 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 20615 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 20616 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.

20623 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20624 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20625 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20626 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20627 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20628 20629 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20630 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20631 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 811 R3/5

20632 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20633 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.

20638 **SECTION 106.** (1) As used in this section, the following 20639 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20640 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.

20648 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 20649 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 20650 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 20651 Tate County - Courthouse Fund, " is created within the State 20652 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20653 20654 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20655

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 812 20656 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20657 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

20658 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 20659 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 20660 Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying 20661 costs associated with parking lot reconstruction for the Tate 20662 County Courthouse.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 20663 (b) 20664 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20665 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20666 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 20667 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20668 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20669 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20670 20671 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20672 directed by the commission.

20673 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 20674 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20675 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20676 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20677 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20678 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20679 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20680

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20681 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20682 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20683 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 20684 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20685 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20686 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 20687 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 20688 20689 under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand 20690 Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 20691 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.

20697 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 20698 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20699 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 20700 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20701 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20702 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 20703 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20704 20705 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 20706 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20707 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20708 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20709 commission.

20710 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20711 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 20712 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20713 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20714 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20715 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20716 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20717 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 20718 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 20719 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 20720 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20721 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20722 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20723 20724 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20725 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20726 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20727 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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20731 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 20732 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 20733 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

20734 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20735 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 20736 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20737 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20738 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20739 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20740 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20741 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 20742 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20743 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 20744 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20745 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20746 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 20747 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20748 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.

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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.

20760 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20761 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20762 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20763 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20764 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20765 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20766 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20767 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20768 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20769 this subsection.

20770 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20771 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20772 20773 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20774 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20775 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20776 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20777 bonds.

20778 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 20779 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 817 R3/5 20780 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 20781 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 20782 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 20783 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20784 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 20785 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20786 majority of its members.

20787 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)20788 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20789 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20790 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20791 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20792 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20793 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20794 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20795 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 20796 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20797 20798 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20799 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 20800 performance of all duties required by this section to be 20801 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20802 interest thereon.

20803 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20804 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.

20817 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)20818 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 20819 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 20820 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 20821 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 20822 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 20823 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 20824 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 20825 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 20826 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 20827 thereof.

20828 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 20829 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 819 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 20830 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 20831 any existing law of this state.

20832 SECTION 107. (1) As used in this section, the following 20833 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 20834 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.

20842 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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20843 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

20844 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 20845 City of Senatobia Lighting Fund," is created within the State 20846 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 20847 20848 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 20849 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 20850 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 20851 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

20852 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
 20853 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
 20854 Administration, to assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in
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20855 paying costs associated with lighting repairs at the Interstate 20856 55/Mississippi Highway 740 interchange.

20857 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 20858 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 20859 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 20860 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 20861 20862 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 20863 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 20864 20865 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 20866 directed by the commission.

20867 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 20868 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 20869 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 20870 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 20871 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 20872 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 20873 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 20874 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 20875 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 20876 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 20877 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 20878 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 20879

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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.

20891 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 20892 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 20893 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 20894 20895 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 20896 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 20897 20898 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 20899 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 20900 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 20901 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 20902 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 20903 commission.

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20904 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 20905 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 20906 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 20907 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 20908 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 20909 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 20910 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 20911 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 20912 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 20913 20914 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 20915 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 20916 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 20917 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 20918 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 20919 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 20920 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 20921 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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20928 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 20929 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 20930 20931 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 20932 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 20933 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 20934 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 20935 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 20936 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 20937 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 20938 20939 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 20940 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 20941 20942 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.

20949 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 20950 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 20951 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

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20952 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 20953 dates named therein.

20954 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 20955 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 20956 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 20957 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 20958 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 20959 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 20960 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 20961 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 20962 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 20963 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 20964 (9) 20965 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 20966 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 20967 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 20968 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 20969 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 20970 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 20971 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 825 R3/5 20977 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 20978 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 20979 20980 majority of its members.

20981 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 20982 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 20983 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 20984 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 20985 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 20986 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 20987 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 20988 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

20989 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)20990 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 20991 20992 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 20993 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 20994 20995 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 20996 interest thereon.

20997 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 20998 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 20999 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21000 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21001 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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21002 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21003 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21004 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 21011 (16)21012 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21013 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21014 21015 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21016 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21017 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21018 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21019 21020 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21021 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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21026 **SECTION 108.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21027 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21028 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.

21037 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)21038 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) Tate County Tate - Panola Fund," is created within the State 21039 21040 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21041 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21042 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 21043 21044 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21045 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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21051 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21052 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21053 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21054 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21055 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21056 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21057 21058 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21059 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21060 directed by the commission.

21061 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 21062 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21063 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21064 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21065 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21066 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21067 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21068 21069 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21070 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21071 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21072 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21073 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21074 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21075 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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21076 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 21077 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 21078 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 21079 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.

21085 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21086 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21087 21088 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21089 21090 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21091 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21092 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21093 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21094 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21095 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21096 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21097 commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 21099 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 21100 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,

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21101 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21102 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21103 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21104 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21105 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21106 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21107 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21108 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21109 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21110 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21111 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21112 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21113 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 21114 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21115 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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21126 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21127 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21128 21129 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21130 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21131 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21132 21133 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21134 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21135 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21136 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 832 R3/5 21151 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21152 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21153 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21154 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21155 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21156 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21157 this subsection.

21158 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 21159 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21160 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21161 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21162 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21163 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21164 21165 bonds.

21166 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21167 21168 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21169 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21170 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21171 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21172 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21173 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members. 21174

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 833 21175 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)21176 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21177 21178 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 21179 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21180 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21181 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21182 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21183 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21184 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21185 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21186 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21187 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 21188 21189 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21190 interest thereon.

21191 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21192 21193 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21194 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21195 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21196 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21197 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 21198

(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.

21205 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)21206 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21207 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21208 21209 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21210 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21211 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21212 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21213 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21214 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21215 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.

21220 SECTION 109. (1) As used in this section, the following 21221 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21222 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.

21230 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

21231 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

21232 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 21233 U.S. Highway 51 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 21234 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 21235 21236 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 21237 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 21238 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 21239 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.

21246 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 21247 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 836 21248 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21249 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21250 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21251 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21252 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21253 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21254 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21255 directed by the commission.

21256 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) 21257 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21258 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21259 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21260 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21261 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21262 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21263 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21264 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21265 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21266 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21267 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21268 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21269 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21270 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 21271 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars 21272

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21273 (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 21274 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.

21280 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21281 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 21282 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21283 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21284 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21285 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21286 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21287 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21288 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21289 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21290 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21291 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21292 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 838 R3/5 21298 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21299 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 21300 21301 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21302 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21303 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21304 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21305 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21306 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21307 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21308 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21309 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21310 the State of Mississippi.

21311 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 21312 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 21313 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 21314 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 21315 21316 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

21317 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)21318 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21319 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21320 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 21321 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21322

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21323 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21324 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21325 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21326 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21327 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21328 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21329 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21330 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21331 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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S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21348 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21349 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21350 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21351 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21352 this subsection.

21353 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 21354 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21355 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21356 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21357 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21358 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21359 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21360 bonds.

21361 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)21362 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21363 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21364 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21365 21366 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21367 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21368 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21369 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 841 R3/5 21373 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 21374 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21375 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21376 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21377 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21378 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21379 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21380 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21381 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21382 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21383 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21384 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21385 interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21386 21387 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21388 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21389 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21390 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21391 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21392 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21393 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 842 (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.

21400 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 21401 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21402 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 21403 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21404 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21405 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21406 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21407 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21408 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21409 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21410 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.

21415 **SECTION 110.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21416 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21417 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. 21426 (C) 21427 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Greenwood Cemetery Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 21428 21429 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 21430 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 21431 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 21432 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 21433 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 21434 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

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21447 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21448 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21449 directed by the commission.

21450 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 21451 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21452 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21453 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21454 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21455 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21456 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21457 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21458 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21459 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21460 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21461 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21462 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21463 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21464 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 21465 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 21466 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 21467 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 21468

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 21470 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 21471 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 21474 (4)21475 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 21476 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21477 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21478 21479 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21480 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21481 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21482 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21483 21484 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21485 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21486 commission.

21487 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 21488 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 21489 21490 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21491 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21492 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21493 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21494 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21495 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21496 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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21497 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21498 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21499 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21500 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21501 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21502 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21503 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21504 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.

21511 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21512 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21513 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21514 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 21515 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21516 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21517 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21518 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21519 21520 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21521

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21522 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21523 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21524 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21525 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.

21537 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21538 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21539 21540 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21541 21542 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21543 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21544 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21545 this subsection. 21546

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21547 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 21548 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21549 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21550 21551 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21552 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21553 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21554 bonds.

21555 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)21556 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21557 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21558 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21559 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21560 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21561 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21562 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21563 majority of its members.

21564 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 21565 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21566 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21567 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 21568 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21569 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21570 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 21571

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21572 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 21573 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21574 21575 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 21576 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21577 performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21578 21579 interest thereon.

21580 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21581 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21582 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21583 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21584 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21585 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21586 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21587 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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21597 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21598 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 21599 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21600 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21601 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21602 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21603 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21604 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.

21609 **SECTION 111.** (1) As used in this section, the following 21610 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21611 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.

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21621 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) 21622 Port of Vicksburg Improvements Fund," is created within the State The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21623 Treasurv. 21624 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21625 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 21626 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21627 21628 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.

21634 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21635 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21636 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21637 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21638 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 21639 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21640 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21641 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21642 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21643 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
21645 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 852 R3/5 21646 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21647 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21648 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 21649 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21650 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21651 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 21652 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21653 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21654 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 21655 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 21656 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 21657 21658 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 21659 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred 21660 21661 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 21662 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 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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21671 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21672 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21673 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21674 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21675 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 21676 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21677 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21678 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21679 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21680 commission.

21681 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 21682 21683 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. 21684 The interest 21685 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21686 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21687 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 21688 21689 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21690 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21691 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21692 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21693 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 21694 21695 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may

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21696 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21697 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21698 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.

21705 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21706 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21707 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21708 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 21709 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 21710 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21711 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21712 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21713 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 21714 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21715 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21716 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21717 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21718 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 21719

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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.

21731 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21732 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21733 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21734 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21735 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21736 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21737 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21738 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21739 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21740 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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21745 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21746 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21747 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21748 bonds.

21749 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 21750 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 21751 21752 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 21753 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21754 21755 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21756 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21757 majority of its members.

21758 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)21759 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21760 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21761 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21762 21763 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21764 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21765 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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21770 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21771 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21772 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21773 interest thereon.

21774 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)21775 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21776 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21777 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 21778 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21779 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21780 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21781 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.

21788 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 21789 21790 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 21791 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 21792 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 21793 21794 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 21795 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 21796 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 21797 21798 thereof.

21799 (17)This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 21800 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21801 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 21802 any existing law of this state.

21803 SECTION 112. (1) As used in this section, the following 21804 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 21805 clearly requires otherwise:

21806 "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date (a) 21807 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 21808 21809 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 21810 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 21811 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 21812 maturity.

21813 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

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

21815 (d) "Project" means any enterprise that will own and operate one or more indoor hydroponic facilities (i) for which 21816 21817 construction begins not later than January 1, 2022, (ii) which will be located in a county having a population of less than ten 21818 thousand (10,000) according the latest federal decennial census, 21819

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21820 in which eighty percent (80%) or more of such population is 21821 African-American and in which thirty percent (30%) or more of such 21822 population is at or below the federal poverty level according to 21823 the latest official data compiled by the United States Census 21824 Bureau and (iii) which will create at least thirty (30) direct 21825 jobs and twenty (20) indirect jobs not later than July 1, 2022.

21826 (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (2)(a) 21827 Hydroponic Facilities Project Fund," is created within the State 21828 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 21829 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 21830 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 21831 21832 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 21833 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

21834 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 21835 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 21836 Administration, to assist the enterprise owning and operating a project in paying costs associated with construction and equipping 21837 21838 of one or more hydroponic facilities. Before disbursing any 21839 monies for such purposes, the Department of Finance and 21840 Administration shall require that binding commitments be entered 21841 into requiring that:

218421. Minimum requirements for jobs for the21843project shall be met; and

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21844 2. If such requirements are not met, all or a 21845 portion of the funds provided by the state for the project may, as 21846 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, be 21847 subject to repayment by such enterprise, together with any 21848 penalties or damages required by the department in connection 21849 therewith.

21850 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 21851 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 21852 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 21853 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 21854 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 21855 21856 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 21857 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 21858 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 21859 directed by the commission.

21860 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 21861 21862 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 21863 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 21864 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 21865 21866 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 21867 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 21868 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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21869 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 21870 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 21871 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 21872 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 21873 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 21874 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 21875 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars 21876 21877 (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 21878 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.

21884 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 21885 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 21886 21887 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 21888 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 21889 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 21890 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 21891 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 21892 21893 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 862 R3/5

21894 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 21895 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 21896 commission.

21897 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 21898 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 21899 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 21900 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 21901 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 21902 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 21903 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 21904 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 21905 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 21906 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 21907 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 21908 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 21909 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 21910 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 21911 21912 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 21913 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 21914 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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21919 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 21920 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 21921 (7)21922 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 21923 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 21924 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 21925 21926 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 21927 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 21928 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 21929 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 21930 21931 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 21932 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 21933 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 21934 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 21935 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

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21947 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21948 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 21949 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 21950 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 21951 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 21952 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 21953 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 21954 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 21955 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 21956 this subsection.

21957 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 21958 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 21959 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 21960 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 21961 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 21962 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 21963 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 21964 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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21969 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 21970 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 21971 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 21972 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 21973 majority of its members.

21974 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 21975 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 21976 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 21977 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 21978 21979 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 21980 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 21981 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

21982 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)21983 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 21984 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 21985 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 21986 21987 performance of all duties required by this section to be 21988 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 21989 interest thereon.

21990 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 21991 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 21992 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 21993 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

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21994 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 21995 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 21996 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 21997 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.

22004 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 22005 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22006 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22007 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22008 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22009 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22010 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22011 22012 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22013 22014 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 867 R3/5 22019 SECTION 113. (1) As used in this section, the following 22020 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22021 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.

22030 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)22031 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22032 City of Philadelphia - Philadelphia Utilities Levee System 22033 Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The 22034 fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and 22035 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 22036 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 22037 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 22038 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 22039 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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22046 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22047 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22048 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22049 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22050 22051 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22052 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22053 22054 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22055 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 22056 (3) (a) 22057 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22058 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22059 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22060 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22061 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22062 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22063 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22064 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22065 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22066 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22067 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22068

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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.

22080 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22081 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22082 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22083 22084 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22085 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22086 22087 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22088 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22089 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22090 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22091 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22092 commission.

22093 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22094 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22095 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22096 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22097 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22098 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22099 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22100 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22101 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22102 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22103 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22104 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22105 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22106 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22107 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22108 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22109 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22110 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.

22117 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22118 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 22119 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22120 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22121 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22122 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22123 22124 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22125 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22126 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22127 22128 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22129 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22130 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22131 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.

22138 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 22139 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 22140 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

22141 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22142 dates named therein.

22143 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 22144 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22145 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22146 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22147 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22148 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22149 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22150 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22151 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22152 this subsection.

22153 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22154 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22155 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22156 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22157 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22158 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22159 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22160 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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22166 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22167 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 22168 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22169 majority of its members.

22170 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22171 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22172 22173 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22174 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22175 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22176 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22177 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22178 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22179 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22180 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22181 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22182 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22183 22184 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22185 interest thereon.

22186 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 22187 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22188 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22189 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 22190 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 22200 (16)22201 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22202 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22203 22204 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22205 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22206 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22207 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22208 22209 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22210 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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22215 SECTION 114. (1) As used in this section, the following 22216 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22217 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.

22226 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)22227 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 22228 City of Pearl Bridge Construction Fund," is created within the 22229 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 22230 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 22231 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 22232 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 22233 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 22234 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

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22239 relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of 22240 Pearl, Mississippi.

22241 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22242 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22243 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22244 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22245 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22246 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22247 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22248 22249 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22250 directed by the commission.

22251 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 22252 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22253 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22254 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22255 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22256 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22257 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22258 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22259 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22260 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22261 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 22262 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 22263 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 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 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.

22275 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22276 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22277 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22278 22279 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22280 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22281 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22282 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22283 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22284 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22285 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22286 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22287 commission.

22288 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22289 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22290 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22291 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22292 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22293 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22294 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22295 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22296 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22297 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22298 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22299 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22300 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22301 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22302 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22303 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22304 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22305 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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22312 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22313 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22314 22315 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22316 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22317 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22318 22319 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22320 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22321 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22322 22323 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22324 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22325 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22326 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.

22333 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 22334 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State 22335 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the

22336 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22337 dates named therein.

22338 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 22339 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22340 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22341 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22342 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22343 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22344 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22345 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22346 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22347 this subsection.

22348 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22349 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22350 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22351 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22352 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22353 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22354 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22355 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.

22365 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22366 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 22367 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22368 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22369 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22370 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22371 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22372 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22373 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22374 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22375 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22376 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22377 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22378 22379 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22380 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 22386 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22387 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22388 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 22395 (16)22396 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22397 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22398 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22399 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22400 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22401 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22402 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22403 22404 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22405 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.

22410 **SECTION 115.** (1) As used in this section, the following 22411 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22412 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.

22422 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22423 Town of Carrollton Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within 22424 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 22425 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 22426 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 22427 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 22428 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 22429 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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22437 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22438 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22439 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22440 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22441 22442 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 22443 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22444 22445 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22446 directed by the commission.

22447 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 22448 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22449 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22450 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22451 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22452 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22453 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22454 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22455 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22456 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22457 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 22458 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22459

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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.

22471 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22472 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22473 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22474 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22475 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22476 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22477 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22478 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22479 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22480 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22481 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22482 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22483 commission.

22484 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 22485 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 22486 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 22487 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22488 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22489 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22490 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22491 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22492 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 22493 22494 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22495 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22496 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22497 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22498 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22499 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22500 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22501 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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22508 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 22509 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22510 22511 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22512 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22513 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 22514 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22515 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22516 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22517 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22518 22519 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22520 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22521 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22522 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

22532 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 22533 dates named therein.

The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 22534 (8) 22535 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 22536 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 22537 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22538 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22539 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22540 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22541 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22542 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22543 this subsection.

22544 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 22545 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22546 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22547 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22548 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22549 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22550 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22551 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.

22561 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 22562 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 22563 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22564 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22565 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22566 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 22567 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22568 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22569 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)22570 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22571 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22572 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22573 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 22574 22575 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22576 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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22582 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22583 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22584 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 22591 (16)22592 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22593 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22594 22595 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22596 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22597 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22598 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22599 22600 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22601 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.

22606 **SECTION 116.** (1) As used in this section, the following 22607 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22608 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.

22617 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

22618 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 22619 Montgomery County - Fisher Road Fund," is created within the State 22620 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 22621 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 22622 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 22623 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 22624 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 22625 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.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 892 R3/5 22631 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 22632 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 22633 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 22634 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 22635 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 22636 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 22637 22638 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 22639 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 22640 directed by the commission.

22641 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 22642 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22643 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22644 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22645 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22646 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22647 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22648 22649 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22650 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22651 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22652 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 22653 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22654 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 22655 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.

22665 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22666 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 22667 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22668 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22669 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22670 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22671 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22672 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22673 22674 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22675 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22676 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22677 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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22681 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 22682 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 22683 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22684 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22685 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 22686 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 22687 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22688 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22689 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22690 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22691 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22692 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22693 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 22694 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22695 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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22706 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 22707 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22708 22709 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 22710 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22711 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 22712 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22713 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22714 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22715 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22716 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 896 R3/5 22731 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 22732 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 22733 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 22734 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 22735 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 22736 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 22737 this subsection.

22738 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 22739 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22740 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22741 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22742 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22743 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22744 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22745 bonds.

22746 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 22747 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 22748 22749 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 22750 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 22751 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22752 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22753 22754 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 897 22755 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)22756 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 22757 22758 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 22759 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 22760 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 22761 22762 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

22763 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 22764 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22765 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22766 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 22767 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 22768 performance of all duties required by this section to be 22769 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22770 interest thereon.

22771 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22772 22773 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22774 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 22775 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 22776 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22777 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22778 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.

22785 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)22786 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22787 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22788 22789 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22790 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22791 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22792 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22793 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22794 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22795 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.

22800 SECTION 117. (1) As used in this section, the following 22801 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22802 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.

22810 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

22811 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

22812 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 22813 City of Winona Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 22814 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 22815 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 22816 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a state. 22817 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 22818 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 22819 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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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.

22835 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 22836 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 22837 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 22838 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 22839 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 22840 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 22841 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 22842 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 22843 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 22844 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 22845 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 22846 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 22847 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 22848 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 22849 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 22850 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 22851

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22852 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 22853 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.

22859 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 22860 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 22861 22862 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 22863 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 22864 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 22865 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 22866 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 22867 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 22868 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 22869 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 22870 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 22871 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 22877 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 22878 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 22879 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 22880 22881 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 22882 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 22883 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 22884 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 22885 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 22886 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 22887 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 22888 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 22889 the State of Mississippi.

22890 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 22891 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 22892 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 22893 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 22894 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 22895 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

22896 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)22897 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 22898 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 22899 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 22900 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 22901

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22902 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 22903 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 22904 22905 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 22906 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 22907 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 22908 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 22909 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 22910 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.

22932 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 22933 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 22934 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 22935 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 22936 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 22937 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 22938 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 22939 bonds.

22940 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)22941 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 22942 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 22943 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 22944 22945 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 22946 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 22947 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 22948 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 905 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.

22957 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 22958 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 22959 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 22960 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 22961 22962 performance of all duties required by this section to be 22963 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 22964 interest thereon.

22965 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 22966 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 22967 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 22968 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 22969 22970 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 22971 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 22972 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 906 (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.

22979 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)22980 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 22981 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 22982 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 22983 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 22984 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 22985 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 22986 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 22987 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 22988 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 22989 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.

22994 SECTION 118. (1) As used in this section, the following 22995 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 22996 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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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. 23005 (C) 23006 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 23007 Town of Duncan Community Park Fund, " is created within the State 23008 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 23009 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 23010 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 23011 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 23012 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 23013 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.

(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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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.

23030 (3)The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 23031 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23032 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23033 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23034 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23035 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23036 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23037 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23038 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23039 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23040 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23041 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23042 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23043 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 23044 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23045 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23046 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 23047 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 23048

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into23050 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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23054 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 23055 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23056 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23057 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23058 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23059 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23060 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23061 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23062 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23063 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23064 23065 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23066 commission.

23067 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23068 23069 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23070 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23071 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23072 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23073 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 23074 23075 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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23076 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23077 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23078 23079 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23080 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23081 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23082 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 23083 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23084 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.

23091 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 23092 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23093 23094 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23095 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23096 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23097 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23098 23099 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23100

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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.

23117 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23118 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23119 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23120 23121 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23122 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23123 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23124

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23125 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23126 this subsection.

23127 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23128 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 23129 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23130 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23131 23132 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23133 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23134 bonds.

23135 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 23136 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23137 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. 23138 Anv 23139 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23140 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23141 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23142 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23143 majority of its members.

23144 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23145 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23146 23147 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23148 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23149 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 913

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23150 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23151 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23152 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23153 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 23154 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23155 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 23156 23157 performance of all duties required by this section to be 23158 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23159 interest thereon.

23160 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23161 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23162 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23163 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23164 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23165 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23166 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 23167

(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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23174 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 23175 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23176 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23177 23178 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23179 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23180 23181 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23182 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23183 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23184 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.

23189 **SECTION 119.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23190 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23191 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.

23200 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 23201 (a) (i) Walthall County Courthouse Renovation Fund," is created within the 23202 23203 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 23204 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 23205 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 23206 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 23207 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 23208 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.

23214 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 23215 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23216 23217 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23218 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23219 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23220 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23221 23222 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 23223

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23224 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 23225 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23226 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23227 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23228 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23229 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23230 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23231 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23232 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23233 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23234 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 23235 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 23236 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 23237 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and 23238 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 23239 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 23240 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 23241 23242 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. 23248 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 23249 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23250 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23251 23252 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23253 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23254 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23255 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23256 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23257 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 23258 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23259 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23260 commission.

23261 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23262 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23263 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23264 23265 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23266 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23267 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23268 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23269 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 23270 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 23271 23272 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all

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23273 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23274 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23275 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23276 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23277 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23278 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.

23285 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)23286 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23287 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23288 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23289 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 23290 23291 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23292 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23293 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23294 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23295 23296 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23297 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

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23298 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23299 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.

23311 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23312 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23313 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23314 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23315 23316 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23317 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23318 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23319 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23320 this subsection.

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

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23329 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)23330 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23331 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23332 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 23333 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23334 23335 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23336 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23337 majority of its members.

23338 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23339 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23340 23341 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, 23342 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23343 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23344 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23345 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23346 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23347 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.

23354 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23355 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23356 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23357 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23358 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23359 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23360 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23361 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 922 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.

23383 **SECTION 120.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23384 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23385 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
23396 Town of Tylertown Building Fund," is created within the State
23397 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 923 R3/5 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 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.

23409 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23410 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23411 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23412 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23413 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23414 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23415 23416 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23417 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23418 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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23423 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23424 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23425 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23426 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23427 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23428 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23429 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23430 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23431 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23432 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 23433 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23434 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23435 under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 23436 (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 23437 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 925 R3/5 23448 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23449 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23450 23451 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23452 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 23453 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 23454 23455 commission.

23456 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 23457 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23458 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23459 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23460 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23461 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23462 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23463 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23464 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 23465 23466 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23467 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23468 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23469 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23470 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23471

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23472 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23473 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.

23480 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)23481 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23482 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23483 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23484 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23485 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23486 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23487 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23488 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23489 23490 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23491 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23492 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 23493 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23494 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

23495 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 23496 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than

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23497 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published 23498 in one or more newspapers published or having a general 23499 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the 23500 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.

23506 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23507 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23508 23509 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23510 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23511 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23512 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23513 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23514 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23515 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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23524 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)23525 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 23526 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23527 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23528 23529 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23530 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23531 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23532 majority of its members.

23533 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)23534 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 23535 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23536 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 23537 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23538 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23539 23540 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23541 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23542 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 23543 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23544 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 23545 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 23546

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23547 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23548 interest thereon.

23549 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23550 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23551 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 23552 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23553 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 23554 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23555 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23556 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.

23563 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)23564 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23565 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23566 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23567 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23568 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23569 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23570 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23571 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 930 R3/5

23572 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23573 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.

23578 **SECTION 121.** (1) As used in this section, the following 23579 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23580 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.

23588 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) 23589 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C) 23590 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 23591 City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex Fund," is created 23592 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 23593 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart

23595 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the

from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining

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23596 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 23597 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 Charleston, Mississippi, in
paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and
equipping the City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex.

23603 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23604 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23605 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23606 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23607 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23608 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23609 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23610 23611 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23612 directed by the commission.

23613 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 23614 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23615 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23616 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 23617 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23618 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 23619 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 23620

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 23621 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23622 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 23623 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23624 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 23625 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 23626 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 23627 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 23628 23629 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand 23630 Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 23631 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.

23637 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 23638 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23639 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23640 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23641 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23642 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23643 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23644 23645 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.

23650 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23651 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23652 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23653 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23654 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23655 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23656 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23657 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23658 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 23659 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 23660 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23661 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23662 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23663 23664 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23665 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23666 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23667 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 934 R3/5 23671 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 23672 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 23673 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

23674 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 23675 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 23676 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23677 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23678 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23679 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 23680 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23681 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23682 23683 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 23684 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23685 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23686 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 23687 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 23688

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.

23700 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23701 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23702 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23703 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23704 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23705 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23706 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23707 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23708 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23709 this subsection.

23710 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23711 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23712 23713 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 23714 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23715 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23716 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23717 bonds.

23718 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued23719 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

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23720 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 23721 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 23722 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 23723 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23724 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 23725 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23726 majority of its members.

23727 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)23728 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 23729 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23730 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23731 23732 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23733 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23734 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23735 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 23736 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23737 23738 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 23739 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 23740 performance of all duties required by this section to be 23741 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23742 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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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.

23757 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)23758 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23759 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 23760 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23761 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23762 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23763 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23764 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 23765 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23766 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23767 thereof.

23768 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete
23769 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
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23770 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 23771 any existing law of this state.

23772 SECTION 122. (1) As used in this section, the following 23773 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23774 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.

23783 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

23784 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 23785 Tallahatchie County Solid Waste Collection Transfer Station Fund," 23786 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 23787 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 23788 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 23789 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 23790 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 23791 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 23792 such fund.

23793 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be23794 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and

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23795 Administration, to assist Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, in 23796 paying costs associated with the acquisition of a solid waste 23797 collection transfer station.

23798 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 23799 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23800 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23801 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23802 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23803 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 23804 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23805 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 23806 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 23807 directed by the commission.

The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 23808 (3)(a) 23809 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 23810 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 23811 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 23812 23813 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 23814 23815 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 23816 23817 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 23818 23819 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.

23832 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)23833 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 23834 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 23835 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 23836 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 23837 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 23838 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 23839 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 23840 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 23841 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 23842 23843 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the

23844 commission.

23845 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 23846 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 23847 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 23848 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 23849 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 23850 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 23851 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 23852 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 23853 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 23854 23855 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 23856 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 23857 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 23858 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 23859 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 23860 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 23861 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 23862 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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23869 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 23870 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 23871 23872 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 23873 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 23874 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 23875 23876 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 23877 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 23878 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 23879 23880 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 23881 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 23882 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 23883 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

23893 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 23894 dates named therein.

23895 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 23896 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 23897 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 23898 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 23899 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 23900 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 23901 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 23902 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 23903 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 23904 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 23905 (9) 23906 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 23907 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 23908 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 23909 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 23910 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 23911 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 23912 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 944 R3/5 23918 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 23919 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 23920 23921 majority of its members.

23922 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 23923 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 23924 23925 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 23926 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 23927 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 23928 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 23929 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

23930 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)23931 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 23932 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 23933 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 23934 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 23935 23936 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 23937 interest thereon.

23938 (13)All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 23939 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 23940 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 23941 23942 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and

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23943 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 23944 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 23945 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 23952 (16)23953 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 23954 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 23955 23956 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 23957 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 23958 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 23959 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 23960 23961 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 23962 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 946 23967 SECTION 123. (1) As used in this section, the following 23968 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 23969 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.

23978 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

23979 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 23980 Town of Oakland Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. 23981 The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate 23982 and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the 23983 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a 23984 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 23985 interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund 23986 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.

23992 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 23993 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 23994 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 23995 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 23996 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 23997 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 23998 23999 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24000 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24001 directed by the commission.

24002 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24003 24004 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24005 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24006 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24007 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24008 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24009 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24010 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24011 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24012 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24013 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24014 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24015 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24016

24017 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24018 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five 24019 Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 24020 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.

24026 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24027 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24028 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24029 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24030 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24031 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24032 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24033 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24034 24035 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24036 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24037 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24038 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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24042 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24043 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24044 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24045 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24046 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 24047 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24048 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24049 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24050 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24051 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24052 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24053 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24054 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 24055 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24056 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 950 R3/5 24067 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24068 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24069 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24070 24071 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24072 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24073 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24074 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 24075 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 24076 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24077 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 951 R3/5 24092 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 24093 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24094 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24095 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 24096 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24097 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24098 this subsection.

24099 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24100 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24101 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24102 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24103 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24104 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24105 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24106 bonds.

24107 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 24108 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24109 24110 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24111 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24112 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24113 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24114 majority of its members. 24115

24116 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)24117 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24118 24119 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24120 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24121 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24122 24123 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24124 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24125 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24126 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24127 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24128 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 24129 24130 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24131 interest thereon.

24132 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24133 24134 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24135 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24136 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24137 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24138 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 24139

(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.

24146 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)24147 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 24148 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24149 24150 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24151 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24152 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24153 24154 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24155 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24156 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.

24161 SECTION 124. (1) As used in this section, the following 24162 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24163 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.

24171 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

24172 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

24173 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 24174 City of Starkville Road Fund," is created within the State 24175 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 24176 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 24177 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 24178 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 24179 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 24180 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.

24196 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 24197 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24198 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24199 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24200 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24201 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24202 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24203 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24204 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24205 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24206 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24207 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24208 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24209 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24210 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24211 under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred 24212

24213 Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 24214 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.

24220 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24221 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24222 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24223 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24224 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24225 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24226 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24227 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24228 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24229 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24230 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24231 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24232 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 957 R3/5 24238 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24239 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24240 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 24241 24242 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24243 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24244 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24245 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24246 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24247 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24248 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 24249 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24250 the State of Mississippi.

24251 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 24252 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 24253 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 24254 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 24255 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 24256 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

24257 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)24258 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24259 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24260 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24261 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24262 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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24263 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24264 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24265 24266 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24267 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24268 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 24269 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 24270 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24271 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.

24293 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24294 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24295 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24296 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24297 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24298 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24299 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24300 bonds.

24301 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24302 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24303 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24304 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24305 24306 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24307 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24308 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24309 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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24313 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24314 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24315 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24316 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24317 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24318 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24319 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24320 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24321 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24322 24323 performance of all duties required by this section to be 24324 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24325 interest thereon.

24326 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24327 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24328 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24329 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24330 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24331 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24332 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 24333 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 24340 (16)24341 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 24342 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 24343 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24344 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24345 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24346 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24347 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24348 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24349 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24350 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.

24355 **SECTION 125.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24356 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24357 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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24362 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 24363 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 24364 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 24366 (C) 24367 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 24368 Town of Sebastopol Community Center Fund," is created within the 24369 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 24370 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 24371 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 24372 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 24373 24374 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.

(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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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.

24391 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 24392 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24393 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24394 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24395 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24396 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24397 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24398 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24399 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24400 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24401 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24402 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24403 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24404 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24405 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24406 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24407 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars 24408 (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025. 24409

24410 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 24411 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall

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24415 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24416 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24417 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24418 24419 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24420 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24421 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24422 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24423 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24424 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24425 24426 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24427 commission.

24428 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 24429 24430 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24431 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24432 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24433 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24434 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 24435 24436 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 24437 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 24438 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24439 24440 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24441 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24442 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24443 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 24444 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24445 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.

24452 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 24453 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24454 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24455 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24456 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24457 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24458 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24459 24460 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 24461

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 966 R3/5 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.

24478 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 24479 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 24480 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 24481 24482 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24483 24484 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24485

24486 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24487 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24488 (9) 24489 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 24490 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24491 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24492 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24493 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24494 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24495 bonds.

24496 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 24497 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24498 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24499 24500 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24501 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24502 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24503 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24504 majority of its members.

24505 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 24506 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 24507 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24508 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24509 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24510 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 968

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24511 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24512 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 24513 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24514 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 24515 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24516 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24517 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24518 performance of all duties required by this section to be 24519 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24520 interest thereon.

24521 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24522 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24523 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24524 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24525 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24526 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24527 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 24528

(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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24535 (16)The State Treasurer is authorized, without further 24536 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 24537 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24538 24539 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24540 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24541 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24542 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24543 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24544 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24545 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.

24550 **SECTION 126.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24551 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24552 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 970 R3/5 24560 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 24561 (C) 24562 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) City of Union Police Department Fund," is created within the State 24563 24564 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 24565 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 24566 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 24567 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 24568 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 24569 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.

24576 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24577 24578 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24579 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24580 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24581 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24582 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24583

24584 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24585 directed by the commission.

24586 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 24587 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 24588 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24589 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24590 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24591 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24592 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24593 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24594 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24595 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24596 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24597 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24598 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24599 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24600 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24601 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24602 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 24603 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 24604 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

24608 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 24609 bonds.

24610 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)24611 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 24612 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24613 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24614 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24615 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24616 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24617 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24618 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24619 24620 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24621 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24622 commission.

24623 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 24624 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24625 24626 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24627 24628 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24629 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24630 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 24631 24632 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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24633 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 24634 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24635 24636 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24637 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24638 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 24639 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24640 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.

24647 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 24648 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24649 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24650 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24651 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24652 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24653 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24654 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24655 24656 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24657

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 974 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.

24673 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24674 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 24675 24676 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24677 24678 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24679 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24680 24681 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24682 this subsection.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 975 24683 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 24684 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 24685 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 24686 24687 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 24688 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 24689 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 24690 bonds.

24691 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24692 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24693 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24694 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24695 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24696 24697 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24698 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24699 majority of its members.

24700 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)24701 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 24702 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24703 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24704 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24705 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24706 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 24707 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM

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24708 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24709 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 24710 24711 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 24712 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 24713 performance of all duties required by this section to be 24714 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 24715 interest thereon.

24716 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24717 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24718 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24719 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24720 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24721 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24722 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 24723 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 977 R3/5 24733 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 24734 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 24735 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 24736 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 24737 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 24738 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 24739 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 24740 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.

24745 **SECTION 127.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24746 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24747 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.

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24757 (2)(i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) 24758 Town of Seminary Water and Sewer Systems Fund," is created within 24759 the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 24760 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 24761 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 24762 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 24763 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 24764 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.

24771 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 24772 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24773 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24774 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24775 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24776 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24777 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 24778 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24779 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission. 24780

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24781 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 24782 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 24783 24784 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 24785 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24786 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24787 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24788 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24789 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24790 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24791 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 24792 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 24793 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 24794 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 24795 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 24796 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 24797 under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 24798 (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 24799 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. 24805 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 24806 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 24807 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 24808 24809 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 24810 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 24811 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 24812 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 24813 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 24814 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 24815 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 24816 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 24817 commission.

24818 (5)The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 24819 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 24820 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 24821 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 24822 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 24823 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 24824 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 24825 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 24826 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 24827 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 24828 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 24829

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24830 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 24831 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 24832 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 24833 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 24834 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 24835 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.

24842 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)24843 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 24844 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 24845 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 24846 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 24847 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 24848 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 24849 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 24850 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 24851 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 24852 24853 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 24854 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 982 R3/5 24855 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 24856 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 24868 (8) 24869 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 24870 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 24871 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 24872 24873 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 24874 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 24875 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 24876 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 24877 this subsection.

24878 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 24879 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any

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24886 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)24887 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 24888 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 24889 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 24890 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 24891 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 24892 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 24893 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 24894 majority of its members.

24895 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 24896 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 24897 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 24898 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 24899 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 24900 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 24901 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 24902 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

24903 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 24904 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.

24911 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 24912 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 24913 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 24914 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 24915 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 24916 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 24917 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds. 24918

(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 985 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.

24940 **SECTION 128.** (1) As used in this section, the following 24941 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 24942 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.
(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021

24953 City of Brandon City Hall Improvements Fund," is created within 24954 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.

24966 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 24967 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 24968 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 24969 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 24970 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 24971 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 24972 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 24973 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 24974 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 24975 directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
24976 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
24977 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
24978 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
24979 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

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24980 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 24981 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 24982 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 24983 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 24984 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 24985 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 24986 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 24987 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 24988 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 24989 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 24990 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 24991 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred 24992 24993 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 24994 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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25005 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25006 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25007 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25008 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25009 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25010 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25011 25012 commission.

25013 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5) 25014 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25015 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25016 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25017 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25018 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25019 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25020 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25021 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 25022 25023 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25024 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25025 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25026 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25027 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25028 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

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25029 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25030 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.

25037 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)25038 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25039 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25040 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25041 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25042 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 25043 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25044 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25045 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25046 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 25047 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25048 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25049 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25050 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25051 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

25052 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice 25053 of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less

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(S)FI (H)WM R3/5 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.

25063 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25064 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25065 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25066 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25067 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25068 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25069 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25070 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25071 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25072 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 991 R3/5 25079 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25080 bonds.

25081 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)25082 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 25083 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25084 things which are specified or required by this section. Anv 25085 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 25086 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25087 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25088 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25089 majority of its members.

25090 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)25091 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25092 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25093 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25094 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25095 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25096 25097 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25098 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25099 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25100 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25101 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25102 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 25103

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25104 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25105 interest thereon.

25106 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25107 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25108 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25109 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25110 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 25111 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25112 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25113 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.

25120 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25121 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25122 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25123 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25124 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25125 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25126 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25127 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25128 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 993 R3/5

25129 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25130 thereof.

25131 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 25132 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 25133 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 25134 any existing law of this state.

25135 SECTION 129. (1) As used in this section, the following 25136 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25137 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.

25145 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 25146 (C) 25147 (2) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 25148 Tippah County Hospital Fund," is created within the State 25149 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 25150 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 25151 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 25152 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General

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25153 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 25154 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.

25160 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25161 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25162 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25163 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25164 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25165 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25166 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 25167 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25168 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25169 directed by the commission.

25170 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 25171 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25172 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25173 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25174 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25175 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25176 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25177

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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.

25194 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4) 25195 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25196 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25197 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25198 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25199 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25200 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25201 25202 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.

25207 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25208 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25209 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25210 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25211 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25212 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25213 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25214 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25215 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25216 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25217 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25218 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25219 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25220 25221 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25222 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25223 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25224 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 997 R3/5 25228 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 25229 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 25230 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

25231 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25232 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25233 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25234 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25235 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25236 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 25237 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25238 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25239 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25240 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 25241 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25242 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25243 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25244 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually. 25245

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.

25257 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 25258 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25259 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25260 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25261 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25262 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25263 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25264 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25265 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25266 this subsection.

25267 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25268 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25269 25270 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25271 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25272 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25273 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25274 bonds.

25275 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25276 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 999 R3/5 25277 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25278 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 25279 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 25280 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25281 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25282 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25283 majority of its members.

25284 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (11)25285 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25286 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25287 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25288 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25289 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25290 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25291 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25292 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25293 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25294 25295 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25296 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 25297 performance of all duties required by this section to be 25298 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25299 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.

25314 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25315 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25316 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 25317 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25318 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25319 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25320 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25321 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25322 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25323 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25324 thereof.

25325 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete 25326 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1001 (S)FI (H)WM R3/5 25327 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of 25328 any existing law of this state.

25329 SECTION 130. (1) As used in this section, the following 25330 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25331 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.

25339 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25340 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

25341 (2)(a) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (i) 25342 City of Ripley Fire Department Fund," is created within the State 25343 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 25344 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 25345 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 25346 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 25347 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 25348 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1002 R3/5 25352 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the 25353 city's fire department.

25354 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25355 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25356 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25357 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25358 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25359 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25360 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25361 25362 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25363 directed by the commission.

25364 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25365 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25366 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25367 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25368 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25369 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25370 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25371 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25372 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25373 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25374 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25375 25376 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds,

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25377 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 25378 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 25379 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25380 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars 25381 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 25382 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.

25388 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25389 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25390 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25391 25392 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25393 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25394 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25395 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25396 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25397 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25398 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25399 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25400 commission.

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25401 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25402 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25403 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25404 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25405 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25406 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25407 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25408 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25409 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25410 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25411 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25412 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25413 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25414 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25415 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25416 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25417 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 25418

(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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25425 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25426 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25427 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25428 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25429 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25430 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25431 25432 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25433 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25434 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25435 25436 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25437 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25438 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25439 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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25449 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 25450 dates named therein.

25451 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 25452 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25453 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25454 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25455 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25456 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25457 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25458 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25459 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25460 this subsection.

25461 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 25462 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25463 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25464 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25465 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25466 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25467 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25468 bonds.

25469 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25470 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 25471 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25472 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 25473 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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25474 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25475 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25476 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25477 majority of its members.

25478 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 25479 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25480 25481 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25482 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25483 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25484 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25485 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25486 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)25487 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25488 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25489 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25490 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 25491 25492 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25493 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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25499 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25500 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25501 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.

25508 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25509 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25510 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25511 25512 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25513 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25514 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25515 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25516 25517 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25518 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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25523 SECTION 131. (1) As used in this section, the following 25524 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25525 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.

25534 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)25535 (2)A special fund, to be designated the "2021 (a) (i) 25536 Town of Artesia Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within the 25537 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 25538 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 25539 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 25540 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25541 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25542 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 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J

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25550 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25551 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25552 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25553 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25554 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25555 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 25556 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 25557 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25558 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25559 directed by the commission.

25560 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25561 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25562 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25563 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25564 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25565 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25566 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25567 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25568 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25569 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25570 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 25571 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 25572 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.

25584 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25585 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25586 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25587 25588 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25589 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25590 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25591 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25592 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25593 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25594 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25595 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25596 commission.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1012 25597 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 25598 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 25599 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 25600 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25601 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25602 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25603 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25604 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25605 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 25606 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25607 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25608 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25609 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25610 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25611 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25612 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 25613 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi. 25614

(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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25621 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 25622 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 25623 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 25624 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 25625 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25626 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25627 25628 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25629 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25630 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25631 25632 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25633 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25634 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25635 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

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1014 25645 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or 25646 dates named therein.

25647 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (8) 25648 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 25649 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 25650 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25651 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25652 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25653 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25654 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25655 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25656 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25657 (9) 25658 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25659 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25660 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25661 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25662 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25663 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25664 bonds.

25665 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25666 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 25667 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25668 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 25669 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the

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25670 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25671 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 25672 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25673 majority of its members.

25674 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this 25675 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25676 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25677 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25678 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25679 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 25680 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25681 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25682 Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this (12)25683 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25684 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25685 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25686 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be 25687 25688 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25689 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 25695 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25696 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25697 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 25704 (16)25705 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25706 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25707 25708 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25709 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25710 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25711 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25712 25713 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25714 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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25719 SECTION 132. (1) As used in this section, the following 25720 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25721 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.

25730 "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)25731 (2)A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 (a) (i) 25732 Jackson State University Stadium Fund," is created within the 25733 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State 25734 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from 25735 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in 25736 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25737 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25738 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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25744 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (b) 25745 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 25746 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 25747 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 25748 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 25749 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 25750 25751 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 25752 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 25753 directed by the commission.

25754 (3) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (a) 25755 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25756 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25757 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25758 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25759 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25760 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25761 25762 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25763 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25764 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 25765 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25766 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 25767 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 25768 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

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25769 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25770 under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand 25771 Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this 25772 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.

25778 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25779 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 25780 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25781 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25782 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25783 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25784 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25785 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25786 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25787 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25788 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25789 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25790 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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25794 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 25795 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 25796 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25797 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25798 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 25799 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 25800 25801 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25802 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25803 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25804 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25805 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 25806 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 25807 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 25808 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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25819 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 25820 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 25821 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 25822 25823 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 25824 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 25825 25826 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 25827 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 25828 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 25829 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 1022 R3/5 25844 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by 25845 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 25846 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 25847 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 25848 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 25849 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 25850 this subsection.

25851 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 25852 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 25853 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 25854 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 25855 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 25856 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 25857 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 25858 bonds.

25859 (10)The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 25860 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 25861 25862 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 25863 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 25864 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 25865 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 25866 25867 majority of its members.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1023 25868 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 25869 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 25870 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 25871 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 25872 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 25873 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 25874 25875 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

25876 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 25877 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 25878 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 25879 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 25880 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 25881 performance of all duties required by this section to be 25882 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 25883 interest thereon.

25884 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 25885 25886 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 25887 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 25888 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 25889 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 25890 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 25891 of securing the deposit of public funds.

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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.

25898 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)25899 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 25900 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 25901 25902 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 25903 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 25904 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 25905 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 25906 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 25907 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 25908 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.

25913 SECTION 133. (1) As used in this section, the following 25914 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 25915 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.

25923 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

25924 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

25925 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 25926 Town of Plantersville Infrastructure and Park Fund," is created 25927 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the 25928 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 25929 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining 25930 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the 25931 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings 25932 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.

25948 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3)(a) 25949 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 25950 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 25951 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 25952 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 25953 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 25954 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 25955 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 25956 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 25957 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 25958 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 25959 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 25960 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 25961 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 25962 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 25963 25964 under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars

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25965 (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after 25966 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.

25972 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 25973 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 25974 25975 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 25976 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 25977 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 25978 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 25979 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 25980 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 25981 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 25982 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 25983 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 25984 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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25990 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 25991 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 25992 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 25993 25994 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 25995 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 25996 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 25997 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 25998 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 25999 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26000 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26001 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26002 the State of Mississippi.

26003 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 26004 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 26005 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 26006 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 26007 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 26008 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

26009 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)26010 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26011 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26012 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26013 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 26014

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26015 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26016 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26017 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26018 26019 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 26020 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26021 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26022 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26023 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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26040 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 26041 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26042 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26043 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26044 this subsection.

26045 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26046 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26047 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26048 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26049 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26050 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26051 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26052 bonds.

26053 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26054 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26055 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26056 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26057 26058 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26059 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26060 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26061 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 1031 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.

26070 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26071 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26072 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26073 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26074 26075 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26076 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26077 interest thereon.

26078 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26079 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26080 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26081 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 26082 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26083 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26084 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26085 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 1032 (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.

26092 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)26093 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 26094 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26095 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26096 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26097 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26098 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26099 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26100 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26101 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26102 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.

26107 **SECTION 134.** (1) As used in this section, the following 26108 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26109 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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26114 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 26115 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26116 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26118 (C) 26119 (2)(a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 26120 Camp Kamassa Construction Fund," is created within the State 26121 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as 26122 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General 26123 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at 26124 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 26125 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 26126 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 Mississippi's Toughest Kids 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

26134 2. Design, preplanning, construction and 26135 development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, 26136 Mississippi.

26137 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 26138 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph

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26139 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 26140 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 26141 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, 26142 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 26143 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt 26144 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 26145 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 26146 directed by the commission.

26147 The commission, at one time, or from time to time, (3) (a) may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26148 26149 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 26150 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26151 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 26152 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26153 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26154 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26155 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26156 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26157 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 26158 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 26159 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 26160 26161 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 26162 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million 26163

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26166 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 26167 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 26168 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 26169 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 26170 bonds.

26171 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 26172 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26173 26174 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26175 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26176 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 26177 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26178 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 26179 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26180 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26181 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26182 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26183 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 1036 R3/5 26189 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 26190 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 26191 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 26192 26193 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 26194 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26195 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26196 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26197 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26198 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26199 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26200 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26201 the State of Mississippi.

26202 All bonds and interest coupons issued under the (6) 26203 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 26204 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 26205 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this 26206 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 26207 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

26208 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)26209 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26210 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26211 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26212 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 26213 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other

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26214 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26215 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26216 26217 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26218 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such 26219 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26220 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26221 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26222 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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26239 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency 26240 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26241 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26242 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26243 this subsection.

26244 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26245 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26246 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26247 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26248 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26249 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26250 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26251 bonds.

26252 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26253 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26254 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26255 things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26256 26257 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26258 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26259 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26260 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 1039 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.

26269 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26270 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26271 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26272 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26273 26274 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26275 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26276 interest thereon.

26277 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26278 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26279 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26280 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26281 26282 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26283 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26284 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.

26291 The State Treasurer is authorized, without further (16)26292 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and 26293 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26294 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26295 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26296 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26297 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26298 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26299 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26300 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26301 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.

26306 **SECTION 135.** (1) As used in this section, the following 26307 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26308 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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26313 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 26314 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26315 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26317 (C) 26318 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 26319 City of Ocean Springs Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," 26320 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be 26321 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, 26322 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended 26323 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall 26324 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or 26325 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into 26326 such fund.

26327 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be 26328 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and 26329 Administration, to assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 26330 in paying costs associated with improvements to the city's water 26331 system and sewer system infrastructure and drainage 26332 infrastructure.

26333 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 26334 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 26335 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 26336 26337 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.

26343 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 26344 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26345 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 26346 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26347 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 26348 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26349 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26350 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26351 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26352 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26353 in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of 26354 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 26355 26356 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 26357 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 26358 26359 under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section 26360 after July 1, 2025. 26361

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1043 26362 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 26363 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 26364 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in 26365 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 26366 bonds.

26367 (4)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 26368 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 26369 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26370 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26371 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26372 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 26373 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26374 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26375 26376 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26377 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26378 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26379 commission.

26380 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (5)26381 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 26382 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 26383 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 26384 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 26385 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26386

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1044 R3/5 26387 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who 26388 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery 26389 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 26390 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26391 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26392 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26393 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26394 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26395 However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, bear. 26396 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26397 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.

26404 The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds (7)26405 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26406 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26407 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26408 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 26409 26410 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to 26411

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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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26437 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26438 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26439 this subsection.

Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions 26440 (9) 26441 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 26442 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26443 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26444 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26445 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26446 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26447 bonds.

26448 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26449 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26450 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26451 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 26452 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26453 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26454 26455 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26456 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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26462 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 26463 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 26464 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

26465 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26466 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 26467 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26468 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 26469 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26470 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26471 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon. 26472

26473 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (13)26474 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26475 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26476 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 26477 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26478 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26479 26480 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 26487 (16)26488 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of 26489 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26490 26491 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26492 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26493 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26494 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26495 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26496 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26497 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.

26502 SECTION 136. Section 41, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is 26503 amended as follows:

26504 Section 41. (1) As used in this section, the following 26505 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context 26506 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

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26512 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 26513 maturity.

26514 "State" means the State of Mississippi. (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 26515 (C)26516 (2) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 (a) (i) 26517 Town of Wesson - Wesson Old School Visitor Center Fund," is 26518 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained 26519 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate 26520 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts 26521 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse 26522 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment 26523 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 \* \* \* the renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Wesson Old School Visitor Center.

26529 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 26530 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph 26531 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has 26532 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described 26533 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts 26534 26535 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with 26536 21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J 

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26537 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as 26538 directed by the commission.

26539 (3)(a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, 26540 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general 26541 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for 26542 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in 26543 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution 26544 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the 26545 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general 26546 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department 26547 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to 26548 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 26549 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the 26550 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of 26551 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of 26552 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and 26553 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection 26554 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of 26555 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred 26556 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under 26557 this section after July 1, 2024.

26558 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into 26559 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall 26560 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in

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26561 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such 26562 bonds.

26563 The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized (4)26564 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 26565 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such 26566 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 26567 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 26568 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 26569 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 26570 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 26571 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 26572 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall 26573 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 26574 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the 26575 commission.

26576 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by 26577 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 26578 26579 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 26580 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 26581 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 26582 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 26583 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 26584 26585 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such

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26586 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 26587 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all 26588 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 26589 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 26590 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 26591 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 26592 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 26593 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.

26600 (7)The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds 26601 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, 26602 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise 26603 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and 26604 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs 26605 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other 26606 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and 26607 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery 26608 26609 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds 26610 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such

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26611 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of 26612 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best 26613 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on 26614 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.

26626 (8)The bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26627 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 26628 26629 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the 26630 26631 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State 26632 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain 26633 26634 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of 26635 this subsection.

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1054 26636 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (9) 26637 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) 26638 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed 26639 26640 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and 26641 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be 26642 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the 26643 bonds.

26644 The bonds authorized under this section may be issued (10)26645 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 26646 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 26647 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 26648 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the 26649 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 26650 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 26651 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 26652 majority of its members.

26653 (11)The bonds authorized under the authority of this 26654 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 26655 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 26656 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, 26657 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 26658 26659 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 26660

21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J (S)FI (H)WM PAGE 1055 R3/5 26661 (12)Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this 26662 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 26663 26664 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under 26665 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 26666 performance of all duties required by this section to be 26667 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and 26668 interest thereon.

26669 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section 26670 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and 26671 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 26672 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 26673 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 26674 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 26675 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 26676 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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26686 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 26687 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 26688 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 26689 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the 26690 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 26691 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 26692 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 26693 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.

26698 **SECTION 137.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 26699 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 1058 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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317 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 318 ASSIST THE CITY OF SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 319 WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MARTIN 320 LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 321 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE 322 323 BELWOOD LEVEE IN ADAMS COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 324 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST HANCOCK 325 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, 326 RENOVATION, UPGRADES, IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE HANCOCK 327 COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 328 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF HICKORY FLAT, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, 329 330 RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF HICKORY FLAT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 331 332 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST MARSHALL COUNTY, 333 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF 334 BETHLEHAM WATERFORD BRIDGE IN MARSHALL COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE 335 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 336 ASSIST THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS 337 ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MIDTOWN AREA 338 OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ROADS, BRIDGES, WATER, 339 SEWER, DRAINAGE, SIDEWALKS, STORMWATER DETENTION, LAND 340 ACQUISITION, UTILITY RELOCATION AND LIGHTING; TO AUTHORIZE THE 341 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 342 ASSIST NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED 343 WITH CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY 344 OPERATIONS CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE 345 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 346 ASSIST THE CITY OF MORTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS 347 348 AND ROADS AROUND MORTON HIGH SCHOOL AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN THE 349 CITY OF MORTON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL 350 OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SCENIC RIVERS 351 DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 352 ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ACRES OF LAND FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LOCATED IN 353 354 FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND RELATED ROAD AND OTHER 355 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE 356 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PIKE COUNTY, 357 MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION 358 OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 359 COMPLEX BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE 360 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 361 ASSIST THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO 362 363 STREETS AND ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO AND 364 NEAR THE MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SOUARE; TO AUTHORIZE THE 365 ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO 366 ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION AND

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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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21/SS26/SB2971CR.1J PAGE 1067 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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