

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1351

BY: Committee

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Sections 6 through 20, Chapter 521, Laws of 1995,
9 as amended by Section 17, Chapter 503, Laws of 2003, as amended by
10 Section 2, Chapter 477, Laws of 2004, as amended by Section 2,
11 Chapter 456, Laws of 2006, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 492,
12 Laws of 2008, as amended by Section 47, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010,
13 as amended by Section 13, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as amended by
14 Section 35, Chapter 569, Laws of 2013, as amended by Section 8,
15 Chapter 452, Laws of 2018, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 454,
16 Laws of 2019, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020,
17 are amended as follows:



18 Section 6. The board created in Section 41-3-16, at one
19 time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the
20 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of
21 Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be
22 incurred by the board in constructing new water systems or
23 repairing existing water systems described in Section 41-3-16.
24 Upon the adoption of a resolution by the board declaring the
25 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general
26 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the board shall
27 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the
28 State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the State
29 Bond Commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent,
30 prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method
31 for the sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or
32 negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the tax exempt or
33 taxable bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other
34 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and
35 sale of such bonds. The amount of bonds issued under Sections 6
36 through 20 of this act shall not exceed * * * Forty Million
37 Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$40,043,000.00), the proceeds of
38 which shall be deposited in the revolving fund and Five Million
39 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be deposited
40 in the emergency fund.

41 Section 7. The principal of and interest on the bonds
42 authorized under Section 6 of this act shall be payable in the



43 manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date
44 or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest
45 at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in
46 Section 75-17-101), be payable at such place or places within or
47 without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such
48 time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of
49 issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and
50 upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such
51 registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form,
52 all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond
53 Commission.

54 Section 8. The bonds authorized by Section 6 of this act
55 shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or
56 by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the State
57 Bond Commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the
58 Secretary of the State Bond Commission. The interest coupons, if
59 any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile
60 signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have
61 been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were
62 in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to
63 be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or
64 who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear,
65 the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall
66 nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the
67 same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had



68 remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had
69 been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However,
70 notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be
71 issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of
72 Mississippi.

73 Section 9. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
74 provisions of Sections 6 through 20 of this act have all the
75 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the
76 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the
77 powers granted by Sections 6 through 20 of this act, the State
78 Bond Commission shall not be required to and need not comply with
79 the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

80 Section 10. The State Bond Commission shall act as the
81 issuing agent for the bonds authorized under Sections 6 through 20
82 of this act, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the
83 appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept
84 bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds
85 so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such
86 issuance and sale, and do all other things necessary and advisable
87 in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The State
88 Bond Commission may pay the costs that are incident to the sale,
89 issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 6
90 through 20 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of
91 the bonds. The State Bond Commission shall sell such bonds on
92 sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds



93 for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of
94 the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so
95 issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

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

102 The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the
103 authority of Sections 6 through 20 of this act, may provide that
104 bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in
105 for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and
106 accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

107 Section 11. The bonds issued under the provisions of
108 Sections 6 through 20 of this act are general obligations of the
109 State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith
110 and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If
111 the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay
112 the principal of and interest on such bonds as they become due,
113 then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any
114 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such
115 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering
116 the provisions of this section.



117 Section 12. The State Treasurer is authorized, without
118 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
119 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
120 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
121 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
122 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
123 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 6 through 20 of
124 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary
125 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds
126 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest on the
127 bonds, on their due dates.

128 Section 13. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
129 provisions of Sections 6 through 20 of this act, the State Bond
130 Commission shall transfer the proceeds of any sale or sales of
131 bonds to the revolving fund and the emergency fund in the amounts
132 specified in Section 6 of this act. After such transfer, all
133 investment earnings or interest earned on the proceeds of such
134 bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the revolving fund and
135 the emergency fund, and shall be used only for the purposes
136 established in Section 41-3-16. The proceeds of such bonds shall
137 be disbursed solely upon the order of the board created in Section
138 1 of this act under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained
139 in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

140 Section 14. The bonds authorized under Sections 6 through 20
141 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the



142 happening of any other conditions or things other than those
143 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required
144 by Sections 6 through 20 of this act. Any resolution providing
145 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 6
146 through 20 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
147 adoption by the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may
148 be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond
149 Commission by a majority of its members.

150 Section 15. The bonds authorized under the authority of
151 Sections 6 through 20 of this act may be validated in the Chancery
152 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,
153 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter
154 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of
155 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to
156 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a
157 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of
158 Jackson, Mississippi.

159 Section 16. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
160 of Sections 6 through 20 of this act or of any of the interest
161 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by
162 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce
163 all rights granted under Sections 6 through 20 of this act, or
164 under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of
165 all duties required by Sections 6 through 20 of this act to be



166 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and
167 interest thereon.

168 Section 17. All bonds issued under the provisions of
169 Sections 6 through 20 of this act shall be legal investments for
170 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust
171 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the
172 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities
173 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public
174 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and
175 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of
176 public funds.

177 Section 18. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 6
178 through 20 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from
179 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

180 Section 19. The proceeds of the bonds issued under the
181 provisions of Sections 6 through 20 of this act shall be used
182 solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs
183 incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

184 Section 20. Sections 6 through 20 of this act shall be
185 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the
186 powers granted, but Sections 6 through 20 of this act shall not be
187 deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of
188 this state.

189 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
190 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021.



**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 6 THROUGH 20, CHAPTER 521, LAWS OF
2 1995, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 25, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO
3 INCREASE FROM \$36,843,000.00 TO \$40,043,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF STATE
4 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN
6 FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

