

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1375

BY: Committee

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022..... \$ 517,227.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15 Permanent: Full Time 5



16	Part Time	0
17	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
18	Part Time	0

19 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
20 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
21 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not
22 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
23 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
24 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
25 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
26 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
27 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
28 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
29 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
30 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
31 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If
32 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
33 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
34 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
35 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
36 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
37 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
38 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
39 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
40 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this



41 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations
42 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
43 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
44 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
45 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
46 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
47 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
48 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
49 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
50 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
51 requirements of this provision are met.

52 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
53 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
54 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
55 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
56 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
57 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
58 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
59 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
60 appropriated level.

61 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
62 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
63 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
64 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.



65 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
66 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
67 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
68 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

69 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
70 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land
71 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records
72 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this
73 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of
74 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the
75 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for
76 Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
77 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
78 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022
79 budget request process.

80 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
81 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
82 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
83 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
84 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
85 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
86 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
87 made without competitive bids.

88 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
89 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with



90 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
91 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
92 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
93 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
94 actions contrary to this provision.

95 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
96 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
97 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
98 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
99 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
100 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

101 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided herein, Three Hundred
102 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be provided in grants for
103 ABET-accredited engineering programs and Board-approved surveying
104 programs of any college or university in the State of Mississippi,
105 after application to and subject to approval by the Board. The
106 Board will develop guidelines for application, award, and
107 disbursement of these grants. The Board will issue a written
108 report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the chairs of the House
109 and Senate Appropriations Committees as to how the grants were
110 awarded.

111 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
112 and after July 1, 2021.

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



1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF
3 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR
4 FISCAL YEAR 2022.

