

By: Representative Rushing

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-9-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TOTAL MILEAGE FOR THE STATE AID SYSTEM OF
3 ROADS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 65-9-3. (1) There is hereby set up for designation by
8 cooperative action of the state and counties a state aid system of
9 roads (including bridges and ferries), as classified and defined
10 in Section 65-9-1, which system shall be designated by the several
11 boards of supervisors in their respective counties, with the
12 consent and approval of the State Aid Engineer, to a total mileage
13 not in excess of * * * twenty-six thousand six hundred
14 seventy-seven and four-hundredths (26,677.04) miles not including
15 any municipal streets, except that a state aid route may be
16 extended into a municipality in order to make a convenient and
17 orderly connection with the nearest paved or surfaced street or
18 highway capable of carrying the traffic originating on or destined



19 for such state aid route and thereby making a systematic
20 connection with the highway and street systems of the state and
21 its political subdivisions. Such system may be modified or
22 revised from time to time by mutual agreement between the said
23 boards of supervisors and the State Aid Engineer. Mileage on the
24 state aid system shall be allocated to the several counties of the
25 state in the following proportions:

26 (a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties
27 in equal shares;

28 (b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties
29 based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles
30 in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all
31 counties of the state; and

32 (c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties
33 based on the proportion that the rural population of the county
34 bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state,
35 according to the latest federal decennial census.

36 (2) If the number of miles allocated to any county in
37 accordance with the formula specified in subsection (1) of this
38 section for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 is less than
39 the number of miles allocated to that county for fiscal year 1994,
40 then each county in that situation shall be allocated an
41 additional number of miles that, when added to the number of miles
42 allocated to the county in accordance with the formula specified



43 in subsection (1) of this section, will be equal to the number of
44 miles allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2022.

