

By: Representative Harness

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1514

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HERMANVILLE COMMUNITY
2 WATER ASSOCIATION LOCATED IN PORTIONS OF CLAIBORNE AND COPIAH
3 COUNTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING AUTOMATIC METER READERS
4 (AMRS) AND REPLACING ALL EXISTING METERS FOR THE MEMBER ACCOUNTS,
5 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
9 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
10 Hermanville Community Water Association located in portions of
11 Claiborne and Copiah Counties for the purpose of installing
12 automatic meter readers (AMRs) for three hundred ninety-four (394)
13 member accounts and replacing all existing meters to provide the
14 member accounts with safe, affordable drinking water, for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30,
16 2023.....\$405,529.00.

17 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
18 this act, the term "association" means the Hermanville Community
19 Water Association.



20 (2) The association shall not disburse any funds
21 appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a)
22 making an individualized determination that the reimbursement
23 sought is, in the association's independent judgment, for
24 necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal
25 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal
26 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing
27 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
28 may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United
29 States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the
30 recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for
31 the expense in question from any source of funds, including
32 insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section
33 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of
34 ARPA. In addition, the association shall ensure that all funds
35 appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the
36 Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related
37 provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303
38 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332
39 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F
40 regarding audit requirements.

41 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
42 the funds appropriated to the association under this act, the
43 association shall certify to the Department of Finance and
44 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to



45 the association under this act complies with the guidelines,
46 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
47 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
48 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
49 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

50 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
51 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
52 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
53 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by
54 ARPA (a) determines that the association or recipient has expended
55 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the association
56 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the
57 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
58 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department
59 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus
60 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State
61 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
62 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
63 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the association or
64 recipient, then the association or recipient that expended or
65 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
66 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
67 the federal government.

68 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
69 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State



70 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
71 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
72 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
73 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

74 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after July 1, 2022.

