MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1530

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION 1 2 BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,490,000.00 TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR 3 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT NOT MORE THAN \$2,870,000.00 OF SUCH BONDS MAY BE 4 5 ISSUED TO MATCH THE ANNUAL CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND 6 APPROPRIATIONS AND THAT NOT MORE THAN \$1,620,000.00 OF SUCH BONDS 7 MAY BE ISSUED TO MATCH THE SUPPLEMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT JOBS ACT APPROPRIATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 49-17-85, 8 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE INTEREST AND INVESTMENT 9 10 EARNINGS ON MONEY IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND TO 11 BE UTILIZED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE 12 ISSUED BY THIS ACT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-7-22.41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, 13 INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR 14 15 CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CERTAIN TAXPAYERS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE 16 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; 17 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 19 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly 20 21 requires otherwise:

22 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date 23 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 24 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 25 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

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26 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 27 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same 28 maturity.

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

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. 30 (C) 31 (2)(a) The Commission on Environmental Quality, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the 32 33 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of 34 Mississippi to provide funds for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund established in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code 35 36 of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Commission on Environmental Quality declaring the necessity for the issuance of 37 38 any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall deliver 39 40 a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the 41 commission; however, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall 42 declare the necessity for the issuance of bonds only in the amount necessary to match projected federal funds available through the 43 44 following federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State 45 Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental 46 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations. 47 Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its 48 discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of 49 the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 50

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 2 (BS\AM) 51 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and 52 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued 53 under this section shall not exceed Four Million Four Hundred 54 55 Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$4,490,000.00); however, not more than 56 Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,870,000.00) 57 of such bonds may be issued to match the annual CWSRF 58 appropriations and not more than One Million Six Hundred Twenty 59 Thousand Dollars (\$1,620,000.00) of such bonds may be issued to 60 match the supplemental IIJA appropriations.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this
subsection shall be deposited into the Water Pollution Control
Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 49-17-85, Mississippi
Code of 1972.

65 (3)The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized 66 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this 67 Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such section. denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates 68 69 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, 70 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places 71 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature 72 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) 73 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such 74 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in 75

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78 The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by (4)79 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and 80 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, 81 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest 82 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by 83 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such 84 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign 85 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 86 87 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such 88 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds 89 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially 90 91 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to 92 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may 93 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, 94 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of 95 the State of Mississippi.

96 (5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the 97 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of 98 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform 99 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this

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100 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not 101 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

102 The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the (6) bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the 103 104 bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, 105 advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, 106 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees 107 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 108 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 109 110 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the 111 proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may 112 113 sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the 114 sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the 115 best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing 116 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

117 If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, 118 notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least 119 one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and 120 shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or 121 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, 122 selected by the commission.

123 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of 124 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State

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128 The bonds issued under the provisions of this section (7)129 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the 130 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of 131 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. Interest and investment 132 earnings on money in the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund 133 shall be utilized to pay the principal and interest on such bonds as they become due. If the interest and investment earnings of 134 135 the fund and any funds appropriated by the Legislature are 136 insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such 137 bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the 138 State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their 139 140 faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

141 Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions (8) of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any 142 143 such sale or sales to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund 144 created in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972. After the 145 transfer of the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Water 146 Pollution Control Revolving Fund, any investment earnings or interest earned on the proceeds of such bonds shall be deposited 147 to the credit of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and 148 shall be used only for the purposes provided in Section 49-17-85, 149

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 6 (BS\AM) 150 Mississippi Code of 1972. The proceeds of such bonds shall be 151 disbursed solely upon the order of the Commission on Environmental 152 Quality under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in 153 the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

154 (9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued 155 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 156 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and 157 things which are specified or required by this section. Any 158 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon 159 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be 160 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a 161 162 majority of its members.

163 The bonds authorized under the authority of this (10)164 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First 165 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and 166 with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, 167 168 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required 169 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or 170 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. 171 (11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this

172 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, 173 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other 174 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under

H. B. No. 1530 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 7 (BS\AM) 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.

179 All bonds issued under the provisions of this section (12)180 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies 181 182 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such 183 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and 184 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state 185 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose 186 of securing the deposit of public funds.

187 (13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and 188 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of 189 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 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 8 (BS\AM) 200 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the 201 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time 202 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates 203 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.

208 SECTION 2. Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 209 amended as follows:

210 49-17-85. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the "Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund," 211 212 which shall be administered by the commission acting through the 213 department. The revolving fund may receive bond proceeds and 214 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature 215 in any manner and funds from any other source, public or private. 216 The revolving fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the 217 purposes established in this section.

(2) There is established in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the "Water Pollution Control Hardship Grants Fund," which shall be administered by the commission acting through the department. The grants fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section. Any interest earned on monies in the grants fund shall be credited to that fund.

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 9 (BS\AM) 224 (3) The commission shall promulgate regulations for the 225 administration of the revolving fund program, the hardship grants 226 program and for related programs authorized under this section. 227 The regulations shall be in accordance with the federal Water 228 Quality Act of 1987, as amended, and regulations and guidance 229 issued under that act. The commission may enter into 230 capitalization grant agreements with the United States 231 Environmental Protection Agency and may accept capitalization 232 grant awards made under Title VI of the Water Quality Act of 1987, 233 as amended.

234 (4) The commission shall establish a loan program which shall commence after October 1, 1988, to assist political 235 236 subdivisions in the construction of water pollution control 237 projects. Loans from the revolving fund may be made to political 238 subdivisions as set forth in a loan agreement in amounts not exceeding one hundred percent (100%) of eligible project costs as 239 240 established by the commission. Notwithstanding loan amount 241 limitations set forth in Section 49-17-61, the commission may 242 require local participation or funding from other sources, or 243 otherwise limit the percentage of costs covered by loans from the 244 revolving fund. The commission may establish a maximum amount for 245 any loan in order to provide for broad and equitable participation 246 in the program.

(5) The commission shall establish a hardship grants program
 for rural communities, which shall commence after July 1, 1997, to

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(6) The commission shall act for the state in all matters and with respect to all determinations under Title VI of the federal Water Quality Act of 1987, as amended, and the federal Omnibus Appropriations and Recision Act of 1996.

261 (7) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 262 revolving fund may be used only:

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(a) To make loans on the condition that:

(i) The loans are made at or below market interest rates, at terms not to exceed the maximum time allowed by federal law after project completion; the interest rate and term may vary from time to time and from loan to loan at the discretion of the commission;

(ii) Periodic principal and interest payments will commence when required by the commission but not later than one (1) year after project completion and all loans will be fully amortized when required by the commission but not later than the maximum time allowed by federal law after project completion;

H. B. No. 1530 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 11 (BS\AM) 274 (iii) The recipient of a loan will establish a 275 dedicated source of revenue for repayment of loans;

(b) To buy or refinance the debt obligation of political subdivisions at or below market rates, where the debt obligations were incurred after March 7, 1985, and where the projects were constructed in compliance with applicable federal and state regulations;

(c) To guarantee, or purchase insurance for,
obligations of political subdivisions where the action would
improve credit market access or reduce interest rates;

(d) To provide loan guarantees for similar revolving
 funds established by municipalities or intermunicipal agencies;

286 (e) To earn interest on fund accounts;

287 (f) To establish nonpoint source pollution control 288 management programs;

289 (g) To establish estuary conservation and management 290 programs;

(h) For the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund and conducting activities under this act, subject to the limitations established in Section 603(d)(7) of Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature;

(i) In connection with the issuance, sale and purchaseof bonds under Section 31-25-1 et seq., related to the funding of

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300 To pay the principal and interest on bonds issued (j) 301 pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 580, Laws of 2007, Section 1 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2008, Section 47 of Chapter 557, Laws of 302 303 2009, Section 45 of Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, Section 3 of 304 Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, Section 36 of Chapter 569, Laws of 305 2013, Section 9 of Chapter 452, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 306 415, Laws of 2019, Section 16 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, \* \* \* 307 Section 137 of Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, and Section 1 of this 308 act, as they become due; however, only interest and investment 309 earnings on money in the fund may be utilized for this purpose.

(8) The hardship grants program shall be used only to provide hardship grants consistent with the federal hardship grants program for rural communities, regulations and guidance issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, subsections (3) and (5) of this section and regulations promulgated and guidance issued by the commission under this section.

(9) The commission shall establish by regulation a system of priorities and a priority list of projects eligible for funding with loans from the revolving fund.

(10) The commission may provide a loan from the revolving fund only with respect to a project if that project is on the priority list established by the commission.

H. B. No. 1530 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 13 (BS\AM) 323 (11)The revolving fund shall be credited with all payments 324 of principal and interest derived from the fund uses described in 325 subsection (7) of this section. However, notwithstanding any 326 other provision of law to the contrary, all or any portion of 327 payments of principal and interest derived from the fund uses 328 described in subsection (7) of this section may be designated or 329 pledged for repayment of a loan as provided in Section 31-25-28 in 330 connection with a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank.

331 The commission may establish and collect fees to defray (12)the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund if it 332 333 determines that the administrative costs will exceed the 334 limitations established in Section 603(d)(7) of Title VI of the 335 federal Clean Water Act, as amended. The administration fees may 336 be included in loan amounts to political subdivisions for the 337 purpose of facilitating payment to the commission. The fees may 338 not exceed five percent (5%) of the loan amount.

339 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the (13)commission may, on a case-by-case basis and to the extent allowed 340 341 by federal law, renegotiate the payment of principal and interest 342 on loans made under this section to the six (6) most southern 343 counties of the state covered by the Presidential Declaration of 344 Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated 345 August 29, 2005, and to political subdivisions located in such 346 counties; however, the interest on the loans shall not be forgiven for a period of more than twenty-four (24) months and the maturity 347

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(14) The commission may, on a case-by-case basis and to the extent allowed by federal law, renegotiate the payment of principal and interest on loans made under this section to Hancock County as a result of coverage under the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005, and to political subdivisions located in Hancock County.

357 SECTION 3. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 358 brought forward as follows:

359 27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the 360 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 361 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: "Department" means the Department of Revenue. 362 (a) 363 (b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an 364 organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 365 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is: 366 Licensed by or under contract with the (i) 367 Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and provides 368 services for: 369 1. The prevention and diversion of children

370 from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services,

H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 15 (BS\AM) 371 2. The safety, care and well-being of 372 children in custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, or 373 374 3. The express purpose of creating permanency 375 for children through adoption; or 376 (ii) Certified by the department as an educational 377 services charitable organization and provides services to: 378 1. Children in a foster care placement 379 program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children 380 381 model, or children at significant risk of entering a foster care 382 placement program established by the Department of Child 383 Protection Services, 384 2. Children who have a chronic illness 385 or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, 386 or 387 3. Children eligible for free or reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for 388 389 participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by 390 the U.S. Department of Education. 391 (2)(a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be 392 available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged 393 in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating 394 as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 395

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(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.

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

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425 An eligible charitable organization shall provide the (4) 426 department with a written certification that it meets all criteria 427 to be considered an eligible charitable organization. An eligible 428 charitable organization must also provide the department with 429 written documented proof of its license and/or written contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. 430 The 431 organization shall also notify the department of any changes that 432 may affect eligibility under this section.

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

437 (a) Verification of the organization's status under
438 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;

443 (c) Any other information that the department requires444 to administer this section.

445 (6) The department shall review each written certification 446 and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to 447 be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also 448 449 periodically request recertification from the organization. The 450 department shall compile and make available to the public a list 451 of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the 459 (8) (a) 460 department on forms prescribed by the department. In the 461 application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the 462 dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the 463 calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an 464 application, the department shall allocate credits based on the 465 dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. 466 However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of 467 credits certified in the application due to the limit on the 468 aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant 469

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 19 (BS\AM) 470 within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that 471 may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the 472 department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the 473 contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as 474 of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made 475 not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. 476 If the contribution is not made within such time period, the 477 allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for 478 reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the 479 480 amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit 481 allowed under this section.

(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.

(c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the

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500 (9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be 501 allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and 502 503 not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during 504 a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 505 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 506 this section. However, for calendar year 2021, the aggregate 507 amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department 508 under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten 509 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), and for calendar year 2022, and 510 for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax 511 credits that may be allocated by the department under this section 512 during a calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars 513 (\$16,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar 514 year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated 515 during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to 516 eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 517 (1) (b) (i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax 518 credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 519

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520 subsection (1) (b) (ii) of this section. For calendar year 2022, 521 and for each calendar year thereafter, of the amount of tax 522 credits that may be allocated for contributions to eligible 523 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 524 this section, fifteen percent (15%) of the tax credits shall be 525 available solely for allocation for contributions to eligible 526 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)2; 527 however, any such tax credits not allocated before April 1 of a 528 calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1) (b) (ii) 1 of 529 this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year 530 thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for 531 532 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 533 subsection (1) (b) (i) of this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions 534 535 to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise 536 provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each 537 calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar 538 year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations 539 described in subsection (1) (b) (ii) of this section, no more than 540 five percent (5%) of such credits may be allocated for 541 contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. 542 However, for calendar year 2022, of the additional amount of tax 543 credits authorized under this section, as amended by Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, for allocation for contributions to eligible 544

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H. B. No. 1530 22/HR12/R1781CS PAGE 22 (BS\AM) 545 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 546 this section, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of the tax 547 credits shall be available solely for allocation for contributions 548 to Magnolia Speech School; however, any such tax credits not 549 allocated before April 1, 2022, may be allocated for contributions 550 to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 551 (1)(b)(ii) of this section.

552 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 553 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.