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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1619

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER
3 SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 special source funds which are received by or otherwise become
8 available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the
9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
11\$ 19,672,067.00.

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

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	107
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
18		Part Time.....	0



19 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
20 responsibility to make certain that funds required for "Personal
21 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023
22 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions
23 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the
24 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the
25 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published
26 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel
27 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll
28 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility
29 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures
30 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
31 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
32 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
33 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
34 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

35 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
36 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
37 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
38 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
39 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
40 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
41 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
42 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
43 appropriated level.



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

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

52 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
53 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
54 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
55 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
56 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
57 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

58 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
59 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete
60 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
61 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
62 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
63 Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
64 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be
65 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
66 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
67 provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.



68 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
69 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
70 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
71 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
72 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
73 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
74 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
75 made without competitive bids.

76 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
77 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which
78 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
79 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the
80 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent
81 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills
82 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

83 **SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated for expenditure
84 under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply
85 District until the district agrees to comply with the following
86 condition: the District shall waive traffic control fees for any
87 vehicle displaying a "REZ" tag.

88 **SECTION 7.** None of the funds appropriated for expenditure
89 under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply
90 District until the district agrees to comply with the following
91 conditions: (1) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity
92 wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major



93 Open, these events shall be exempt from the district's lottery
94 system for host events at the reservoir and given priority of any
95 and all date options available. (2) If any local governmental or
96 nonprofit entity wins the bid for such events, the district shall
97 waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for
98 the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open. (3) The
99 Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be held on the first
100 Sunday in May unless any local governmental or nonprofit entity
101 wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major
102 Open on that date. The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic
103 shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events
104 at the reservoir and given priority for the first Sunday in May.
105 The district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other
106 special event fees for the Classic.

107 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred
108 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for salary increase for
109 the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

110 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred
111 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided out of the Ross Barnett
112 Reservoir Dredging Fund for dredging and other related activities
113 to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett
114 Reservoir.

115 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
116 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
117 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency



118 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
119 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
120 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
121 actions contrary to this provision.

122 **SECTION 11.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
123 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
124 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with
125 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

126 **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
127 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
128 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
129 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
130 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
131 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

132 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
133 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

