

By: Representatives Bennett, Haney,  
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To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, TO FUND A COMMISSION CREATED UNDER SECTIONS  
3 21-27-11 AND 21-27-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONTROL,  
4 MANAGE AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this act:

8 (a) "City" means the City of Gulfport, Mississippi;

9 (b) "Governing authorities" means the mayor and city  
10 council of the city;

11 (c) "System" means a motor vehicle transportation  
12 system for the transportation of passengers within the boundaries  
13 of the city, including the Mississippi Coast Transit Authority and  
14 its successors; and

15 (d) "Commission" means a commission created by the  
16 governing authorities under Sections 21-27-11 and 21-27-13,  
17 Mississippi Code of 1972, to control, manage and operate a system.

18 (2) The governing authorities may, in their discretion,  
19 contribute, allocate, pledge, loan or otherwise provide municipal



20 funds or monies to a commission, accompanied with, or by way of  
21 express designation for, acceptance and use of funds or other  
22 requirements, conditions or restrictions associated with the  
23 acceptance and use of such funds, or by way of general provision  
24 without any accompanying requirements, conditions or restrictions,  
25 regarding acceptance of funds and their use.

26 (3) Such funds contributed, allocated, pledged, loaned or  
27 otherwise provided by the governing authorities may be utilized  
28 for the design and construction of roads, bridges, transportation  
29 corridors and other infrastructure, as well as for operational  
30 expenses, the purchase or acquisition of capital resources,  
31 property, equipment, materials or supplies, or for any other  
32 lawful purpose.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after its passage.

