

By: Representatives Deweese, Massengill

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1735

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, TO EXPAND ITS WATER SYSTEM WITHIN A CERTAIN  
3 DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OXFORD TO  
4 PROVIDE SERVICES SOLELY TO THE PUNKIN WATER ASSOCIATION; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section  
8 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing  
9 authorities of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, may, in their  
10 discretion, construct, expand, operate and maintain its water  
11 system for a distance not to exceed eight (8) miles from the  
12 corporate limits of the City of Oxford. Such distance is  
13 authorized for the City of Oxford to provide water services solely  
14 to the Punkin Water Association. Whenever such services are  
15 furnished to any customer residing outside the corporate limits of  
16 the City of Oxford, the consumer may not be charged at a rate  
17 greater than twice the rate charged for the same service within  
18 the corporate limits of the City of Oxford.



19           (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be  
20 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et  
21 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements for  
22 obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the  
23 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or  
24 any other provision of that law.

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

