MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Representative McLeod

To: Local and Private Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1745

1   AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GEORGE
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO REPAIR THE PARKING LOT OF CROSSROADS
3 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THAT WAS DAMAGED DURING THE REPAIR AND
4 RESTORATION OF A PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 26 THAT
5 WASHED AWAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7   **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of George County,

8 Mississippi, is authorized, in its discretion, to repair the

9 parking lot of Crossroads United Methodist Church, located in

10 Lucedale, Mississippi, that was utilized as a staging area for

11 heavy equipment used to remove vehicles from a thirty-feet deep

12 chasm on a portion of Mississippi State Highway 26 and for other

13 vehicles and equipment used to repair and restore the highway.

14 The deep chasm developed suddenly and unexpectedly when a

15 fifty-foot section of the highway washed away on August 30, 2021,

16 due to heavy rains caused by a hurricane.

17   (2) The county may repair the church's parking lot, as

18 authorized under subsection (1) of this section, by utilizing

19 county employees and equipment or by utilizing third party

20 contractors. The repair authorized under this section is not to

21 provide a benefit for the church but instead is only to make the

22 church whole for the damage caused to the parking lot while

23 various parties were performing the public purposes of clearing

24 the disaster site and repairing and restoring the portion of

25 Mississippi State Highway 26 that washed away.

26   (3) Before the county may take any action as authorized

27 under this section, the board of supervisors must receive

28 documentation that the church has filed a claim under the

29 Mississippi Tort Claims Act pursuant to the provisions of Section

30 11-46-1, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

31   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

32 and after its passage.

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22/HR31/R2187   ST: George County; authorize the repair of
PAGE 2 (OM\JAB)   certain parking lot located in.