

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1753

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 NEW ALBANY, MISSISSIPPI, TO POSSESS THE SAME POWERS AS A
3 CORPORATION FORMED UNDER THE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION LAW, AND
4 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH ANY
5 ADJACENT PUBLIC UTILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of New
8 Albany, Mississippi, are authorized and empowered, in their
9 discretion, to possess the same powers as a corporation formed
10 under the Electric Power Association Law, Section 77-5-201 et
11 seq., and the governing authorities shall also be authorized to
12 enter into interlocal agreements with any adjacent public utility.

13 (2) The powers authorized under subsection (1) of this act
14 shall assist the City of New Albany Light, Gas and Water, which is
15 the city's public utility, to provide a benefit to the public as
16 there is a need to possess such powers as the area served by the
17 City of New Albany has a customer ratio density of fourteen (14)
18 or more customers per mile, which is one of the highest customer
19 ratios in Northeast Mississippi. Additionally, such powers will



20 assist the city in serving one-third (1/3) of its capacity that is
21 outside its municipal boundaries.

22 (3) In authorizing the powers set out under subsection (1)
23 of this act, the City of New Albany Light, Gas and Water shall
24 first provide service to its unserved customers and shall only
25 provide such service within its jurisdiction.

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

