

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2994

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE
2 OUTSIDE LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES CONNECTED TO THE CASE OF *MISSISSIPPI*
3 *IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS ALLIANCE ET AL. V. MICHAEL WATSON ET AL.* IN THE
4 UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI,
5 NORTHERN DIVISION, CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-CV-00831-CWR-FKB, SUBJECT
6 TO APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR FISCAL YEAR
7 2022.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
11 General Fund to be allocated in a manner as determined by the
12 Treasurer's Office, subject to the approval of the Office of the
13 Attorney General, for the period beginning upon passage of this act
14 and through June 30, 2022 \$ 60,000.00
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of paying for outside
16 legal assistance incurred by the defendants not represented by the
17 Office of the Attorney General in the case *Mississippi Immigrants*
18 *Rights Alliance and League of Women Voters of Mississippi v. Michael*
19 *Watson*, in his official capacity as Secretary of Mississippi; *Ken*
20 *Adcock*, in his official capacity as the Leake County Circuit Clerk;



21 *Concetta Brooks*, in her official capacity as the Jones County
22 Circuit Clerk; *Randy Carney*, in his official capacity as the Jackson
23 County Circuit Clerk; *Rebecca Gray*, in her official capacity as the
24 Scott County Circuit Clerk; *Connie Ladner*, in her official capacity
25 as the Harrison County Circuit Clerk; and *Zack Wallace*, in his
26 official capacity as Hinds County Circuit Clerk, in the United
27 States Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Northern
28 Division, Civil Action No. 3:19-CV-00831-CWR-FKB.

29 **SECTION 2.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the
30 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
31 of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants
32 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
33 shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper
34 person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and
36 after its passage.

