House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3021

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

| 4 | SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be |
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| 5 | necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State |
| 6 | General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of |
| 7 | defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for |
| 8 | the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 |
| 9 | \$ 643,439.00. |
| 10 | SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of |
| 11 | this act, the following positions are authorized: |
| 12 | AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: |
| 13 | Permanent: Full Time |
| 14 | Part Time 0 |
| 15 | Time-Limited: Full Time |
| 16 | Part Time 0 |
| 17 | Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with |
| 18 | the terms, conditions and procedures established by law. |
| 19 | No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be |
| 20 | used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are |
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21 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this 22 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

23 SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting 24 25 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds 26 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 27 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the 28 29 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to 30 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 31 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process. 32

33 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 34 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 35 36 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 37 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 38 39 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 40 made without competitive bids.

41 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of 42 the funds provided in Section 1, the Ethics Commission is hereby 43 authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty insurance on 44 passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

45 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the 46 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with

S. B. 3021 PAGE 2 47 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency 48 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their 49 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally 50 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for 51 actions contrary to this provision.

52 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 53 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 54 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 55 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 56 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 57 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 58 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from

59 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after 60 June 29, 2022.

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