

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1592

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE 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:**

6           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for  
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$           926,210.00.

12           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the  
13 provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14           AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

15           Permanent:                           5

16           Time-Limited:                       0

17           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
18 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
19 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds  
20 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
21 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi  
22 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's

23 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
24 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
25 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
26 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
27 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
28 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
29 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023  
30 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
31 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
32 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

33 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
34 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
35 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
36 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
37 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
38 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
39 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
40 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
41 appropriated level.

42 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
43 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
44 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
45 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

46 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
47 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating

48 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
49 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

50 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
51 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
52 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
53 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
54 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
55 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

56 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
57 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
58 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
59 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
60 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
61 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the  
62 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
63 Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
64 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
65 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023  
66 budget request process.

67 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
68 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
69 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
70 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
71 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
72 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

73 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
74 made without competitive bids.

75         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
76 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
77 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
78 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
79 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
80 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
81 actions contrary to this provision.

82         **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
83 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
84 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
85 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
86 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
87 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

88         **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided herein, Four Hundred  
89 Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be provided in grants for  
90 ABET-accredited engineering programs and Board-approved surveying  
91 programs of any college or university in the State of Mississippi,  
92 after application to and subject to approval by the Board. The  
93 Board will develop guidelines for application, award, and  
94 disbursement of these grants. The Board will issue a written  
95 report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the chairs of the House  
96 and Senate Appropriations Committees as to how the grants were  
97 awarded.

98           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
99 and after July 1, 2022.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
3 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR  
4 FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate