

By: Representative Young

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE
2 ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AND
3 STRATEGIC STATEWIDE PLAN THAT SETS POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR
4 INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC PREPAREDNESS, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING,
5 INNOVATION, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL ELECTRIC VEHICLE
6 MARKET IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION
7 OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE AND TIME BY WHICH APPOINTMENTS MUST BE
8 MADE; TO STIPULATE THAT MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE
9 WITHOUT COMPENSATION EXCEPT FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
10 PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 WHEREAS, the market for electric vehicles is poised for
12 significant growth in the near future and such growth will expand
13 the need for a more robust public charging network; and

14 WHEREAS, the implementation of statewide public charging
15 infrastructure for electric vehicles is vital for this state to
16 remain economically competitive, a leader in transportation and
17 logistics, and the number one state in which to do business; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi needs to establish a
19 comprehensive, strategic plan that sets policy objectives for
20 infrastructure, economic preparedness, transportation funding,
21 innovation, and the development of a successful electric vehicle
22 market in the State of Mississippi; and



23 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine how to accelerate
24 economic growth and directly engage stakeholders in the
25 development and implementation of initiatives that best position
26 and prepare this state and its citizens for transportation
27 electrification; and

28 WHEREAS, subject to availability of funds from the Contingent
29 Funds of the Senate and the House of Representatives, such study
30 may include a contract for the provision of private consulting
31 services and any other services deemed necessary for purposes of
32 addressing the areas identified in this resolution; NOW,
33 THEREFORE,

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

35 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Joint Study Committee
36 on the Electrification of Transportation, which shall consist of
37 the following members:

38 (a) Four (4) members of the Senate appointed by the
39 Lieutenant Governor, including the chairmen of the Senate
40 Transportation and Energy Committees, and the President of the
41 Senate shall designate one (1) of such members to serve as
42 co-chairmen of the committee with the House designee;

43 (b) Four (4) members of the House of Representatives
44 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
45 including the chairmen of the House Transportation, Energy and
46 Public Utilities Committees, and the Speaker of the House of



Representatives shall designate one (1) of such members to serve as co-chairmen of the committee with the Senate designee;

(c) The three (3) Transportation Commissioners, or his or her designees;

(d) The three (3) Public Service Commissioners, or his or her designees;

(e) The executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, or his or her designee;

(f) The executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority, or his or her designee; and

(g) The executive director of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee.

All appointments to the committee shall be made not later than thirty (30) days after the date this act becomes effective.

The committee shall meet as soon as practicable after the appointments have been made upon the joint call of the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor, and shall organize for business. A majority of the membership shall be necessary for the establishment of a quorum of the committee, and a majority vote of the committee members present to establish a quorum shall be required for the adoption of any reports and recommendations.

(2) The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues and problems mentioned above or related thereto and



71 recommend any action or legislation that the committee deems
72 necessary or appropriate.

73 (3) The co-chairmen shall call all meetings of the
74 committee. The committee may conduct the meetings at any place
75 and any time it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to
76 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties and
77 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

78 (4) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation
79 for their service on the committee, but may receive reimbursement
80 for mileage and actual expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41, to
81 the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

82 (5) (a) In the event the committee adopts any specific
83 findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed
84 legislation, the co-chairmen shall file a report of the same prior
85 to the date of committee's dissolution specified in subsection
86 (6), subject to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

87 (b) In the event the committee adopts a report that
88 does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the
89 co-chairmen shall file the report, subject to paragraph (c) of
90 this subsection.

91 (c) No report shall be filed unless the same has been
92 approved prior to the date of the committee's dissolution as
93 specified in this act by a majority vote of a quorum of the
94 committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the



95 co-chairmen of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the
96 Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

97 (d) In the absence of an approved report, the
98 co-chairmen may file, with the Secretary of the Senate and the
99 Clerk of the House of Representatives, copies of the minutes of
100 the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

101 (6) The committee shall stand dissolved on June 30, 2024.

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

