

By: Representative Byrd

To: County Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 626

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO EXPEND OR  
3 CONTRACT AN OBLIGATION AGAINST CERTAIN FUNDS IN THE LAST SIX  
4 MONTHS OF THEIR TERM OFFICE IF A COUNTY HAS PROJECTS OR A PROJECT  
5 FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SO THAT SUCH COUNTY  
6 MAY WORK TOWARDS COMPLETING SUCH PROJECTS OR PROJECT TO MEET THE  
7 YEAR 2026 FEDERAL ARPA SPENDING DEADLINE; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12 19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend  
13 from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for  
14 road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and  
15 published by it during the last year of the term of office of such  
16 board, between the first day of October and the first day of the  
17 following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item  
18 of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of  
19 emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any  
20 warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of  
21 supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or



22 equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless  
23 or until he has been elected at the general election of that year.  
24 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) projects of  
25 any type that receive monies from the Local System Bridge  
26 Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Emergency Road and  
27 Bridge Repair Fund, the 2018 Transportation and Infrastructure  
28 Improvement Fund or the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund \* \* \*, (ii)  
29 to expenditures on deficient bridges in the State Aid Road System  
30 or the Local System Road Program that have been deemed to be a  
31 deficient bridge as defined in Section 65-37-3, (iii) projects  
32 funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, or (iv) to a contract,  
33 lease or lease-purchase contract approved by a unanimous vote of  
34 the board and executed pursuant to the bidding requirements in  
35 Section 31-7-13 \* \* \*. Such unanimous vote shall include a  
36 statement indicating the board's proclamation that the award of  
37 the contract is essential to the efficiency and economy of the  
38 operation of the county government.

39       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2023.

