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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1612

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE
3 FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
10\$ 10,809,208.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and
14 History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
15 otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of
16 defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
18\$ 12,899,913.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 this act, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent:	Full Time.....	137
23 Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	9

24 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
25 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
26 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
27 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
28 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
29 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
30 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
31 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
32 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
33 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
34 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
35 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
36 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
37 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
38 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
39 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

40 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
41 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
42 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
43 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written



44 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
45 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
46 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
47 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
48 appropriated level.

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

53 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
54 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
55 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
56 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

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

63 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
64 Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete
65 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
66 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
67 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
68 Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that



69 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be
70 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
71 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
72 provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

73 **SECTION 5.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
74 Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the
75 maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with
76 the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these
77 charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the
78 State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of
79 Archives and History.

80 **SECTION 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no part
81 of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for
82 the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State
83 Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

84 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million
85 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives
86 and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund as created in
87 House Bill No. 1082, Regular Session of 1999, to help support the
88 preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

89 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
90 this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided
91 for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir
92 Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of
93 the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the



94 Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds
95 available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by
96 the Department of Archives and History.

97 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
98 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
99 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
100 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
101 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
102 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
103 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
104 made without competitive bids.

105 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein
106 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
107 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
108 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and
109 History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History
110 Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
111 June 30, 2024.....\$ 45,748.00.

112 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
113 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
114 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
115 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
116 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
117 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
118 actions contrary to this provision.



119 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven
120 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from
121 Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State
122 Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code
123 of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and
124 renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's
125 Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules
126 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
127 a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

128 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
129 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
130 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and
131 History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
132 General Funds as authorized in HB 1386, 2021 Regular Session to
133 provide for Beauvoir, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
134 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 100,000.00.

135 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
136 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
137 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
138 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
139 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
140 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

141 **SECTION 14.** The Mississippi Department of Archives and
142 History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
143 contribution from any individual, public, or private organization,



144 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
145 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions
146 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of
147 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
148 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One
149 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

150 **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
151 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
152 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
153 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
154 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
155 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

156 **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
157 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2023.

