

By: Representatives Steverson, Stamps

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1662

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI, TO EXPAND ITS WATER DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT
3 TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, EXCLUDING ALL OTHER CERTIFIED AREAS
4 OTHER THAN THE CITY OF RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section
8 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972 to the contrary, the governing
9 authorities of the City of Ripley, Mississippi, may, in their
10 discretion, construct, expand, operate and maintain its water
11 distribution system throughout Tippah County excluding all other
12 certified areas other than the City of Ripley. Whenever such
13 services are furnished to any customer residing outside the
14 corporate limits of the City of Ripley, the consumer may not be
15 charged at a rate greater than twice the rate charged for the same
16 service within the corporate limits of the City of Ripley.

17 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be
18 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Section 77-3-1 et
19 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements of



20 obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the
21 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or
22 any other provisions of that law.

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

