

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2734

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PERMIT COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPEND FEDERAL FUNDS
3 DURING THE LAST TERM OF OFFICE OF SUCH BOARD; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

8 19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend
9 from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for
10 road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and
11 published by it during the last year of the term of office of such
12 board, between the first day of October and the first day of the
13 following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item
14 of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of
15 emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any
16 warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of
17 supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or
18 equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless
19 or until he has been elected at the general election of that year.



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

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

