

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.

