

By: Representative Zuber

To: Municipalities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 564

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT POWERS" BY
3 PROVIDING THAT A MUNICIPALITY MAY RETAIN CERTAIN POWERS, INSTEAD
4 OF AN URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OR HOUSING AUTHORITY, WHEN OPERATING
5 UNDER THE URBAN RENEWAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-35-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-35-31. (a) A municipality may itself exercise its urban
10 renewal project powers (as herein defined) or may, if the local
11 governing body by resolution determines such action to be in the
12 public interest, elect to have such powers exercised by the urban
13 renewal agency (created by Section 43-35-33) or by the housing
14 authority, if one exists or is subsequently established in the
15 community. In the event the local governing body makes such
16 determination, the urban renewal agency or the housing authority,
17 as the case may be, shall be vested with all of the urban renewal
18 project powers in the same manner as though all such powers were
19 conferred on such agency or authority instead of the municipality.



20 If the local governing body does not elect to make such
21 determination, the municipality, in its discretion, may exercise
22 its urban renewal project powers through a board or commissioner
23 or through such officers of the municipality as the local
24 governing body may by resolution determine.

25 (b) As used in this section, the term "urban renewal project
26 powers" shall include, unless one or more such powers is retained
27 by the municipality with respect to an urban renewal agency or
28 housing authority as provided in subsection (a), the rights,
29 powers, functions and duties of a municipality under this article,
30 except the following: the power to determine an area to be a slum
31 or blighted area or combination thereof and to designate such area
32 as appropriate for an urban renewal project and to hold any public
33 hearings required with respect thereto; the power to approve urban
34 renewal plans and modifications thereof; the power to establish a
35 general plan for the locality as a whole; the power to formulate a
36 workable program under Section 43-35-9; the power to make the
37 determinations and findings provided for in Section 43-35-7,
38 Section 43-35-11, and subsection (d) of Section 43-35-13; the
39 power to issue general obligation bonds; and the power to
40 appropriate funds, to levy taxes and assessments, and to exercise
41 other powers provided for in subsection (h) of Section 43-35-15.

42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2024.

