

By: Representatives Read, Boyd (19th)

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1707  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 28 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO  
2 CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROJECTS FUNDED  
3 WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS  
4 FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO REVISE  
5 THE PURPOSE OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM  
6 THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION  
7 27-104-373, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS OR  
8 PURCHASES FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023  
9 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND THAT INVOLVE EXPENDITURES ABOVE  
10 CERTAIN AMOUNTS MUST BE MADE AFTER OBTAINING COMPETITIVE WRITTEN  
11 BIDS; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-185, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
12 PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
14 TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
15 ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-187, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
16 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
17 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI  
18 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
19 AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-189, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
20 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE  
21 CORRIDOR FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
22 TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
23 ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
24 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 297 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2486,  
25 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE SEVERAL TECHNICAL CHANGES APPLICABLE  
26 TO CERTAIN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROJECTS UNDER  
27 THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

29 **SECTION 1.** Section 28 of Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, is  
30 amended as follows:



31 Section 28. Monies transferred pursuant to Sections 1 and 3  
32 of this act into the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund shall  
33 be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
34 pursuant to the authority granted by the department's  
35 appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to  
36 spend those monies, as follows:

37 (a) To assist the City of Indianola, Mississippi, in  
38 paying costs associated with purchasing six (6) new police cars  
39 for the city's police department.....\$400,000.00

40 (b) To assist Sunflower County, Mississippi, in paying  
41 costs associated with completing construction of the county's  
42 Transitional Shelter for Homeless families.....  
43 .....\$300,000.00

44 (c) To Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to assist the  
45 Belmont Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with  
46 the purchase of equipment.....\$25,000.00

47 (d) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist the Rienzi  
48 Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with the  
49 purchase of equipment.....\$25,000.00

50 (e) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying  
51 costs associated with replacing bridge SA 59-029 and repaving and  
52 restoring County Road 1475 and County Road 1481 located in  
53 Supervisors District 5 in Prentiss County.....\$450,000.00



54 (f) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying  
55 costs associated with ongoing repair and renovation of the Alcorn  
56 County Courthouse.....\$1,000,000.00

57 (g) To Kossuth, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs  
58 associated with renovation of the LC Follin Community Center.....  
59 .....\$150,000.00

60 (h) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in  
61 paying costs associated with repair and renovation to include the  
62 Coliseum and South Corinth High School.....\$500,000.00

63 (i) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist in paying  
64 costs associated with construction of a new fire station for the  
65 Jacinto Volunteer Fire Department.....\$100,000.00

66 (j) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying  
67 costs associated with special operations at the county's Emergency  
68 Management Agency.....\$400,000.00

69 (k) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in  
70 paying costs associated with improvements to and maintenance of  
71 Harper Road.....\$500,000.00

72 (l) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in  
73 paying costs associated with general assistance to Corinth  
74 Theatre-Arts.....\$25,000.00

75 (m) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in  
76 paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the  
77 Jackson Planetarium.....\$1,000,000.00



78           (n) To assist the City of Waynesboro with  
79 infrastructure improvements at the Waynesboro Sports Complex.....  
80 .....\$1,500,000.00

81           (o) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying  
82 costs associated with construction of the Agricola Multipurpose  
83 Center in George County, Mississippi.....\$400,000.00

84           (p) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying  
85 costs associated with the construction of the Basin-Barton  
86 Multipurpose Facility.....\$1,800,000.00

87           (q) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying  
88 costs associated with construction of a multipurpose  
89 arena.....\$750,000.00

90           (r) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying  
91 costs associated with repair and renovation of the Itawamba County  
92 Courthouse.....\$1,500,000.00

93           (s) To assist the Town of Tremont, Mississippi, in  
94 paying costs associated with repair and remodeling of the town's  
95 Town Hall.....\$150,000.00

96           (t) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, with  
97 providing funds to Volunteer Fire Departments located in the  
98 county, at the discretion of the Fire Coordinator.....\$150,000.00

99           (u) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in  
100 paying costs associated with renovation and remodeling of the  
101 city's City Hall and costs associated with street repairs  
102 .....\$500,000.00



103           (v) To assist Itawamba Community College in paying  
104 costs associated with capital construction related to the Health  
105 Sciences program.....\$1,500,000.00

106           (w) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to  
107 provide a federal match to the Jackson Redevelopment Authority for  
108 the train station.....\$420,000.00

109           (x) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in  
110 Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs for general purposes  
111 for dyslexia services.....\$200,000.00

112           (y) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in  
113 paying costs associated with purchasing portable equipment  
114 including a portable stage to promote tourism.....\$200,000.00

115           (z) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs  
116 associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond  
117 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$350,000.00

118           (aa) To assist the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, in  
119 paying costs associated with road improvements.....\$500,000.00

120           (ab) To assist the Town of Marks, Mississippi, in  
121 paying costs associated with making water and sewer improvements  
122 in the town.....\$500,000.00

123           (ac) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in  
124 paying costs associated with paving the town square.....  
125 .....\$500,000.00

126           (ad) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in  
127 paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks.....



128 .....\$250,000.00

129           (ae) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in

130 paying costs associated with making upgrades and improvements to

131 the Pascagoula City Hall building and related facilities.....

132 .....\$2,000,000.00

133           (af) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, for

134 the Pascagoula Police Department in providing an East Pascagoula

135 Police SubStation.....\$2,000,000.00

136           (ag) To assist the Petal School District Board of

137 Trustees in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation

138 of and upgrades and improvements to the district's Central Office

139 building and related facilities in Petal, Mississippi.....

140 .....\$1,000,000.00

141           (ah) To assist Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in

142 paying costs associated with building a new fire station for the

143 Bailey Volunteer Fire Department.....\$100,000.00

144           (ai) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in

145 paying costs associated with repairs to the Tishomingo County

146 Courthouse.....\$500,000.00

147           (aj) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying

148 costs associated with building a new fire station on Kendrick Road

149 for the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department.....\$100,000.00

150           (ak) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in

151 paying costs associated with the purchase of sewage pumping and

152 vacuuming equipment and making street improvements.....\$100,000.00



153           (al) To assist the Village of Eden with construction  
154 and repair of Town Hall and a safe room.....\$100,000.00

155           (am) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying  
156 costs associated with renovation of the Holmes County Courthouse  
157 .....\$150,000.00

158           (an) To assist the Jackson Public School District with  
159 the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with  
160 parking lot resurfacing including restriping and drainage repairs  
161 .....\$250,000.00

162           (ao) To assist the Jackson Public School District with  
163 the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with  
164 trade shop repairs and upgrades, including roof leak repairs  
165 .....\$250,000.00

166           (ap) To assist the Jackson Public School District with  
167 the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with  
168 repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and  
169 improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career  
170 Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi.....\$100,000.00

171           (aq) To assist \* \* \* Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in  
172 paying costs associated with the completion of construction,  
173 furnishing and equipping of a recreation center.....\$500,000.00

174           (ar) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, with the  
175 following fire stations with various costs, funds are to be  
176 allocated equally: Vidalia Fire Station, Delisle Fire Station,  
177 Cuevas Fire and Rescue Station, and Henderson Point Fire



178 Station.....\$100,000.00

179           (as) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi,

180 with various costs for the city's Fire Department.....\$25,000.00

181           (at) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi,

182 with various costs for the city's Police Department

183 .....\$25,000.00

184           (au) To assist the City of New Albany, Mississippi, in

185 paying costs associated with central business district

186 renovations, upgrades and improvements as part of the city's

187 downtown revitalization project.....\$500,000.00

188           (av) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying

189 costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades

190 and improvements to the Union County Courthouse and Veterans Park

191 in New Albany.....\$500,000.00

192           (aw) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, acting

193 through its Department of Planning and Development, in paying

194 costs associated with the acquisition, demolition and/or removal

195 of blighted properties in the City of Jackson and in the

196 Mississippi House of Representatives District 71.....\$250,000.00

197           (ax) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying

198 costs associated with the acquisition and installation of HVAC

199 systems and equipment for the county courthouse.....

200 .....\$250,000.00

201           (ay) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying

202 costs associated with renovations to the jail.....\$500,000.00





203            (az) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying  
204 costs associated with purchasing equipment for  
205 Alpha-Cockrum-Ingrams Mill Volunteer Fire Department.....  
206 .....\$25,000.00

207            (ba) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying  
208 costs associated with purchasing equipment for the Lewisburg  
209 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$25,000.00

210            (bb) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying  
211 costs associated with the purchasing of equipment for the Love  
212 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$25,000.00

213            (bc) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in  
214 paying costs associated with repair and renovation of a building  
215 to be used by the City of Oxford Police Department...\$4,000,000.00

216            (bd) To assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying  
217 the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in  
218 Lafayette County.....\$1,000,000.00

219            (be) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in  
220 paying costs associated with the Mallett Road and Sangani  
221 Boulevard intersection and widening project.....\$1,000,000.00

222            (bf) To assist the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi,  
223 in paying costs associated with purchasing police cars for the  
224 Philadelphia Police Department.....\$160,000.00

225            (bg) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying  
226 costs associated with improvements within the county.....  
227 .....\$300,000.00



228 (bh) To assist the Town of Scooba, Mississippi, in  
229 paying costs associated with town improvements.....\$50,000.00

230 (bi) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying  
231 costs associated with purchasing fire equipment for the Kemper  
232 County Volunteer Fire Department.....\$60,000.00

233 (bj) To assist \* \* \* the Porterville Water Association  
234 in paying costs associated with water line improvements \* \* \*  
235 .....\$200,000.00

236 (bk) To assist East Mississippi Community College in  
237 paying costs associated with upgrades to equipment, furnishings  
238 and facilities for the Career Technical Education  
239 Program.....\$2,000,000.00

240 (bl) To assist the \* \* \* Boys and Girls Club of Biloxi  
241 in paying costs associated with providing general support for  
242 the \* \* \* club \* \* \*.....\$1,000,000.00

243 (bm) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying  
244 costs to assist the Warren County Sheriff's Office with site work  
245 and infrastructure improvements to the future Warren County Jail  
246 site.....\$1,000,000.00

247 (bn) To assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying  
248 costs associated with the Reunion Parkway and Bozeman Road  
249 expansion project.....\$12,000,000.00

250 (bo) To assist the Town of Edwards, Mississippi, in  
251 paying costs associated with improvements to the town's fire  
252 station.....\$250,000.00



253 (bp) To assist the Town of Raymond, Mississippi, in  
254 paying costs associated with repair and rehabilitation of the  
255 water tank on the town square in downtown Raymond and the Raymond  
256 water tank on the Hinds Community College campus.....  
257 .....\$250,000.00

258 (bq) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying  
259 costs associated with paving and resurfacing of Lake Grove Road  
260 and Randle Road in Supervisors District 4 in Clay County.....  
261 .....\$1,000,000.00

262 (br) To assist Monroe County, Mississippi, with costs  
263 associated for the Prairie Rural Community Development Club to  
264 renovate the old Prairie School Building for use as a  
265 multi-purpose center.....\$250,000.00

266 (bs) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in  
267 paying costs associated with renovations to City Hall  
268 .....\$500,000.00

269 (bt) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying  
270 costs associated with road construction and road repairs in the  
271 county.....\$500,000.00

272 (bu) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in  
273 paying costs associated with Phase II of site work for and  
274 construction and development of streets, street lighting and  
275 signals, electrical and communications distribution systems and  
276 equipment, water system and sewer system infrastructure and  
277 related infrastructure, public parking, structured public parking,



278 public plaza, walking trails, and in support of any planned  
279 improvements to adjacent U.S. Highway 80 intersections by the  
280 Mississippi Department of Transportation within an area bound by  
281 U.S. Highway 80, Springridge Road, Interstate 20 and  
282 Clinton-Raymond Road/Madison Street in the City of Clinton  
283 .....\$8,000,000.00

284 (bv) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in  
285 paying costs associated with the Clinton Raymond Bolton Edwards  
286 Water and Sewer Plant Capacity Expansion project....\$20,000,000.00

287 (bw) To assist the town of Gloster to support the  
288 Gloster Southern Railroad \* \* \* Project.....\$8,000,000.00

289 (bx) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in  
290 paying costs associated with water, sewer and drainage from Odom  
291 Road to Jackson Street and water infrastructure from McGraw Street  
292 to Peach Street.....\$2,500,000.00

293 (by) To \* \* \* assist the Department of Finance and  
294 Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
295 Management, in paying costs associated with completing renovations  
296 at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.....\$500,000.00

297 (bz) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in  
298 paying the costs associated with repairs and renovations to Frisby  
299 Park, Greenville Municipal, Maude Bryan Park and Rounds  
300 Park.....\$500,000.00

301 (ca) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in  
302 paying costs associated with construction, equipping and



303 furnishing of a new burn building and any related structures and  
304 facilities for the Picayune Fire Department to replace the  
305 existing burn building.....\$350,000.00

306 (cb) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in  
307 paying costs associated with repairs \* \* \*, maintenance and  
308 improvements at the girls softball field at Picayune Memorial High  
309 School.....\$150,000.00

310 (cc) To assist the Administrative Office of the Courts  
311 in paying costs associated with technological upgrades, equipment,  
312 furnishings, and installation for Courtroom 4 of the Hinds County  
313 Courthouse.....\$50,000.00

314 (cd) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in  
315 paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, educational  
316 programming, and expansion to the Mississippi Music Museum.....  
317 .....\$150,000.00

318 (ce) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in  
319 paying costs associated with the Phase 5 Renovation Project of the  
320 Millsaps House.....\$200,000.00

321 (cf) To assist the Village of Beauregard, Mississippi,  
322 in paying costs associated with the construction of a community  
323 center.....\$400,000.00

324 (cg) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in  
325 paying costs associated with repaving and repair of streets  
326 .....\$400,000.00



327           (ch) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in  
328 paying the costs associated with sidewalk repairs and  
329 infrastructure improvements for the town's Downtown Historic Area  
330 .....\$75,000.00

331           (ci) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying  
332 costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 3  
333 Choctaw County.....\$300,000.00

334           (cj) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying  
335 costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 1  
336 Choctaw County.....\$150,000.00

337           (ck) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying  
338 costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 5  
339 Choctaw County.....\$150,000.00

340           (cl) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
341 the following fire departments in Choctaw County to assist in  
342 paying various department costs: Reform Volunteer Fire Department,  
343 Town of Ackerman Fire Department, ByWy Volunteer Fire Department,  
344 Simpson Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Weir Fire Department,  
345 Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire  
346 Department, Town of French Camp Fire Department.....\$200,000.00

347           (cm) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
348 the following fire departments in Webster County to assist in  
349 paying various department costs: Tomnolen Fire Department, City of  
350 Eupora Fire Department and Town of Mathiston Fire Department.....  
351 .....\$75,000.00



352           (cn) To assist the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in  
353 paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing  
354 .....\$250,000.00

355           (co) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in  
356 paying costs associated with improvements to the town's  
357 infrastructure.....\$200,000.00

358           (cp) To assist VFW Post 3806 in the City of Eupora,  
359 Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and  
360 Post activities.....\$25,000.00

361           (cq) To assist American Legion Post 82 in the Town of  
362 Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post  
363 building and Post activities.....\$25,000.00

364           (cr) To assist the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, in  
365 paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing.....  
366 .....\$200,000.00

367           (cs) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
368 the following fire departments in Winston County to assist in  
369 paying various department costs: Nanih Waiya Volunteer Fire  
370 Department, Shiloh Fire Department, City of Louisville Fire  
371 Department, Lo Butcha Volunteer Fire Department and Beth Eden  
372 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$100,000.00

373           (ct) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, in paying  
374 costs associated with repainting and other necessary repairs to  
375 the water tank.....\$200,000.00



376 (cu) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in  
377 paying costs associated with street resurfacing.....\$1,000,000.00

378 (cv) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying  
379 costs associated with improvements to the Nat Trout Road and  
380 Hawkins Entrance.....\$500,000.00

381 (cw) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying  
382 costs associated with general road resurfacing and maintenance  
383 .....\$750,000.00

384 (cx) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
385 the eighteen (18) volunteer fire departments in Lauderdale County,  
386 Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs.....  
387 .....\$360,000.00

388 (cy) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in  
389 paying costs associated with relocating the fire station on Main  
390 Street in the city to a less congested corner lot near the current  
391 location.....\$1,000,000.00

392 (cz) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in  
393 paying costs associated with the completion of a pavilion at the  
394 gateway to the Tanglefoot Trail.....\$400,000.00

395 (da) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in  
396 paying costs associated with building and equipping a training  
397 center that provides trainee safety and live fire training to  
398 firefighters and first responders, benefitting both the Pontotoc  
399 City Fire Department and Pontotoc County volunteer fire  
400 departments.....\$500,000.00





401 (db) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in  
402 paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades,  
403 improvements and additions to the Pontotoc Town Square Museum and  
404 Post Office building and the McMackin House necessary to provide  
405 and improve accessibility to and inside the buildings through the  
406 Pontotoc County Historical Society.....\$50,000.00

407 (dc) To assist the Town of Como, Mississippi, in paying  
408 costs associated with road infrastructure repairs and improvements  
409 .....\$500,000.00

410 (dd) To assist Adams County, Mississippi, with costs  
411 associated with the Carthage Point Road drainage repair and flood  
412 control project.....\$500,000.00

413 (de) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, for  
414 the purpose of providing funding to defray the expenses of the  
415 Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project for construction costs  
416 .....\$500,000.00

417 (df) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in  
418 paying costs associated with relocation of water, sewer, gas  
419 utility lines and other equipment currently located on or near  
420 Mississippi Highway 309 near the Byhalia schools, and to assist in  
421 paying costs associated with street paving improvements to  
422 Mississippi Highway 309.....\$1,000,000.00

423 (dg) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, \* \* \*  
424 in paying costs associated with the renovation of the historic



425 Byhalia High School to provide civic, business, and hospitality  
426 for the town.....\$500,000.00

427 (dh) To assist the Lafayette County Sheriff's  
428 Department in paying costs associated with building a substation  
429 in the Harmontown Community with Lafayette County.....\$250,000.00

430 (di) To assist the Town of New Houlka, Mississippi, in  
431 paying costs associated with the purchase of a new fire truck  
432 .....\$150,000.00

433 (dj) To assist the City of Houston, Mississippi, in  
434 paying costs associated with repair and overlay of streets  
435 including Airport Road, Church Street, Pittsboro Street, Dulaney  
436 Street, 1st Avenue, Harrington Street, Washington Street, Hamilton  
437 Street, Castle Street, Scott Street, Terrace Road and 6th Avenue  
438 .....\$400,000.00

439 (dk) To assist the Town of Bude, Mississippi, in paying  
440 costs associated with improvements to the town's existing sewer  
441 lagoon for cleaning, removing excessive vegetation and including,  
442 but not limited to dredging of sludge and sediment.....  
443 .....\$500,000.00

444 (dl) To assist the Tennessee Valley Authority in paying  
445 costs associated with performing an assessment of the Holly  
446 Springs, Mississippi Utility Department and to be used for cutting  
447 of the right-of-way of the Holly Springs Utility Department.....  
448 .....\$500,000.00



449           (dm) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying  
450 costs associated with repairs to the Benton County Historic  
451 Courthouse.....\$300,000.00

452           (dn) To assist Benton County Sheriff's Department in  
453 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment and  
454 vehicles.....\$400,000.00

455           (do) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying  
456 costs associated with improvements to Benton County Veterans Park  
457 .....\$300,000.00

458           (dp) To assist the Town of Abbeville, Mississippi, in  
459 paying costs associated with repairs and additions to the town's  
460 water system.....\$500,000.00

461           (dq) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying  
462 costs associated with road maintenance on County Road 47 in  
463 Supervisors District 2 in Union County.....\$900,000.00

464           (dr) To assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, with  
465 providing funds to assist in paying costs associated with  
466 construction, furnishing and equipping of a training facility for  
467 the Walls Volunteer Fire Department.....\$250,000.00

468           (ds) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in  
469 paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the  
470 Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads,  
471 bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention,  
472 land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.....  
473 .....\$2,000,000.00



474 (dt) To assist \* \* \* the \* \* \* Kiln Utility and Fire  
475 District with costs associated with sewer system improvements in  
476 the areas of Kiln Delisle Road and Fenton Dedeaux Road  
477 .....\$500,000.00

478 (du) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in  
479 paying costs associated with the purchase and upgrades of  
480 equipment.....\$150,000.00

481 (dv) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in  
482 paying costs associated with upgrading the town's lighting  
483 infrastructure.....\$350,000.00

484 (dw) To assist the Town of Brooksville, Mississippi,  
485 with matching funds for the Federal EPA Stag Grant to complete the  
486 town's water and wastewater infrastructure program.....  
487 .....\$500,000.00

488 (dx) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying  
489 costs associated with the county's community sports complex  
490 redevelopment project including the addition of bleachers,  
491 concession stand, scoreboard, bathrooms and approximately four  
492 hundred (400) yards of roadway pavement.....\$500,000.00

493 (dy) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
494 the following fire departments in Scott County, Mississippi, to  
495 assist in purchasing equipment: Forest Fire Department, North  
496 Scott Volunteer Fire Department, Homewood Volunteer Fire  
497 Department, Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Liberty Volunteer Fire



498 Department, Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department, Morton Fire  
499 Department and Sebastopol Fire Department.....\$200,000.00  
500 (dz) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in  
501 paying costs associated with constructing and developing a turn  
502 lane at a road by Tyson Foods for safety purposes.....\$250,000.00  
503 (ea) To assist the Town of Summit, Mississippi, for  
504 purpose of building a fire station for Summit Rural Fire  
505 Department.....\$500,000.00  
506 (eb) To assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying  
507 costs associated with renovation and repairs to the Courthouse  
508 Complex buildings.....\$750,000.00  
509 (ec) To assist \* \* \* Pike County, Mississippi, in  
510 paying costs associated with a building to house the ladder truck,  
511 18-wheeler tanker truck, rescue pumper and smaller tanker truck  
512 for the Sunnyhill Volunteer Fire Department.....\$250,000.00  
513 (ed) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in  
514 paying costs associated with the RA Johnson Drive stormwater  
515 retention pond project.....\$300,000.00  
516 (ee) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in  
517 paying costs associated with downtown storm drainage system  
518 improvements.....\$500,000.00  
519 (ef) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying  
520 costs associated with paving roads within the county...\$500,000.00  
521 (eg) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying  
522 costs associated with roof repairs \* \* \*.....\$500,000.00



523           (eh) To assist the City of Purvis, Mississippi, in  
524 paying costs associated with VFW Post 3955 to expand and modernize  
525 the facility.....\$150,000.00

526           (ei) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in  
527 paying costs associated with construction of a bridge extending  
528 from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and  
529 relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of  
530 Pearl.....\$500,000.00

531           (ej) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in  
532 paying costs associated with the installation of high speed  
533 service via Delta Lightspeed.....\$400,000.00

534           (ek) To assist the Town of North Carrollton,  
535 Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of  
536 high speed service via Delta Lightspeed.....\$350,000.00

537           (el) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in  
538 paying costs associated with improvements to Yazoo River Trail and  
539 Yazoo River Landing.....\$750,000.00

540           (em) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in  
541 paying costs associated with an emergency generator, 65kw transfer  
542 switch, concrete pad and installation for the Stewart Water  
543 Association.....\$100,000.00

544           (en) To assist the Town of Kilmichael, Mississippi, in  
545 paying costs associated with purchasing turnout suits and  
546 equipment for the Kilmichael Volunteer Fire Department.....  
547 .....\$100,000.00



548 (eo) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, for the  
549 purpose of the Red Hill Volunteer Fire Department.....\$250,000.00

550 (ep) To assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in  
551 paying costs associated with purchasing a fire truck...\$450,000.00

552 (eq) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying  
553 costs associated with improvements to County Road 83.....  
554 .....\$700,000.00

555 (er) To assist the City of Tylertown, Mississippi, in  
556 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
557 .....\$500,000.00

558 (es) To assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying  
559 costs associated with the construction of a frontage road along  
560 the south side of Highway 98 Bypass.....\$750,000.00

561 (et) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in  
562 paying costs associated with construction of the Mississippi  
563 Songwriters Performing Arts Center.....\$2,000,000.00

564 (eu) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in  
565 paying costs associated with constructing an inclusion and  
566 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) approved park area  
567 including, but not limited to, playground equipment for children  
568 with disabilities.....\$1,000,000.00

569 (ev) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in  
570 paying costs associated with improvements to Town Commons Park,  
571 including, but not limited to, parking and through roads for an  
572 amphitheater.....\$2,000,000.00



573           (ew) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi,  
574 in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs and  
575 facilitation of broadband service by the city electric department  
576 .....\$750,000.00

577           (ex) To assist the City of Charleston, Mississippi, in  
578 paying costs associated with improvement and restoration of city  
579 streets.....\$500,000.00

580           (ey) To assist Yalobusha County, Mississippi, by  
581 providing funds to be used as matching funds for the Tennessee  
582 Valley Authority grant for the industrial park.....\$100,000.00

583           (ez) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi,  
584 in paying costs associated with restoration and maintenance of the  
585 Water Valley Civic Center.....\$250,000.00

586           (fa) \* \* \* [Deleted]

587           (fb) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in  
588 paying costs associated with the city's Main Street Project.....  
589 .....\$1,500,000.00

590           (fc) To assist the Town of Sumner, Mississippi, in  
591 paying costs associated with the construction of a police  
592 department building and related facilities.....\$250,000.00

593           (fd) To assist the Town of Webb, Mississippi, in paying  
594 costs associated with the construction of a community center.....  
595 .....\$250,000.00

596           (fe) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying  
597 costs associated with purchasing a fire truck.....\$250,000.00





598           (ff) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in  
599 paying costs associated with the purchase of two (2) patrol  
600 vehicles and equipment.....\$125,000.00

601           (fg) To assist the Town of Sebastopol, Mississippi, in  
602 paying costs associated with a building extension and fixtures for  
603 the town police department.....\$250,000.00

604           (fh) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in  
605 paying costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure  
606 improvements.....\$250,000.00

607           (fi) To assist Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in  
608 paying costs associated with improvements to Broome Road.....  
609 .....\$100,000.00

610           (fj) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, in paying  
611 costs associated with mill and overlay to Graves Road and  
612 adjoining streets from Buffalo Hill road to the city limits of  
613 Ellisville, Mississippi, and to extend the project to Mississippi  
614 Highway 588, and for other paving projects in the county  
615 .....\$600,000.00

616           (fk) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in  
617 paying costs associated with additions to and expansion of the  
618 Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel, Mississippi.....\$200,000.00

619           (fl) To assist Jones County Junior College in paying  
620 costs associated with construction of a building to house the  
621 School of Design.....\$200,000.00



622 (fm) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in  
623 paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs, maintenance,  
624 upgrades and improvements.....\$1,000,000.00

625 (fn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among  
626 the following fire departments in Jasper County: Bay Springs  
627 Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department,  
628 Fellowship Volunteer Fire Department, Hal Volunteer Fire  
629 Department, Lake Eddins Volunteer Fire Department, Louin Volunteer  
630 Fire Department, Montrose Volunteer Fire Department, Mossville  
631 Volunteer Fire Department, Northeast Jasper Volunteer Fire  
632 Department, Paulding Volunteer Fire Department and Rose Hill  
633 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$110,000.00

634 (fo) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying  
635 costs associated with infrastructure for the new Howard Industrial  
636 Expansion Plant, including, but not limited to, water, sewer and  
637 fencing.....\$500,000.00

638 (fp) To assist the Mississippi Wireless \* \* \*  
639 Communication Commission in paying costs associated with adding  
640 new statewide communication towers in needed location  
641 .....\$3,900,000.00

642 (fq) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying  
643 costs associated with the destruction of the old Tippah County  
644 Hospital.....\$500,000.00



645 (fr) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi,  
646 in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the  
647 town's fire department.....\$50,000.00

648 (fs) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in  
649 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the  
650 town's fire department.....\$100,000.00

651 (ft) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in  
652 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the  
653 city's fire department.....\$175,000.00

654 (fu) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in  
655 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the  
656 town's fire department.....\$50,000.00

657 (fv) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in  
658 paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the  
659 town's fire department.....\$50,000.00

660 (fw) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying  
661 costs association with the purchase of equipment for the Tippah  
662 County Sheriff's Department.....\$100,000.00

663 (fx) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in  
664 paying costs associated with the Heritage Museum.....\$30,000.00

665 (fy) To assist \* \* \* the CREATE Foundation with  
666 creating a Target Endowment Fund for various projects in \* \* \*  
667 Tippah County, Mississippi .....\$75,000.00



668           (fz) To assist VFW Post 4881 in the City of Ripley,  
669 Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building  
670 maintenance \* \* \*.....\$25,000.00

671           (ga) To assist American Legion Post 81 in the City of  
672 Ripley, Mississippi, with costs associated \* \* \* with building  
673 maintenance \* \* \*.....\$25,000.00

674           (gb) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in  
675 paying costs associated with gas system improvements.....  
676 .....\$75,000.00

677           (gc) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying  
678 costs associated with repairs to the Sharkey County Courthouse  
679 located in Rolling Fork, Mississippi.....\$1,000,000.00

680           (gd) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying  
681 costs associated with purchasing and installing surveillance  
682 cameras on Dixon Road, McCain Avenue and South Drive.....  
683 .....\$25,000.00

684           (ge) To assist the City of Verona, Mississippi, in  
685 paying costs associated with site work and infrastructure related  
686 to the Old Town Project.....\$500,000.00

687           (gf) To assist the Town of Taylorsville, Mississippi,  
688 in paying costs associated with infrastructure repair and to  
689 upgrade water, sewer and fire protection systems to industrial  
690 area.....\$350,000.00

691           (gg) To assist the City of Guntown, Mississippi, in  
692 paying costs associated with repairing, reconstruction,



693 resurfacing and other improvements such as curbs, drainage to Mike  
694 Avenue and to bring the road up to code, and any remaining funds  
695 shall be used for costs associated with making improvements to  
696 other streets in the city.....\$750,000.00

697 (gh) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying  
698 costs associated with making improvements to roads and bridges in  
699 Supervisors District 3 in Prentiss County.....\$300,000.00

700 (gi) To assist the Town of Lena, Mississippi, in paying  
701 costs associated with road and water infrastructure  
702 projects.....\$500,000.00

703 (gj) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying  
704 costs associated with construction of a fire station  
705 .....\$50,000.00

706 (gk) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying  
707 costs associated with Phase II of paving town streets including  
708 First Street from Highway 149 to South Pine, Second Street from  
709 Highway 149 to South Maple, Third Street from Highway 149 to South  
710 Maple, Fourth Street from Highway 149 to South Maple and Cemetary  
711 Road.....\$250,000.00

712 (gl) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying  
713 costs associated with Phase III of paving town streets including  
714 South Oak from Highway 540 to end, West Fifth from Highway 149 to  
715 South Oak, East Fifth from Highway 149 to South Oak, West Pecan  
716 from Willow Street to Highway 149, and East Pecan from Highway 149  
717 to Water Tower.....\$250,000.00



718 (gm) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, to provide  
719 funds to be distributed equally among the following fire  
720 departments in Rankin County: Cleary Volunteer Fire Department,  
721 Star Volunteer Fire Department, Florence Volunteer Fire  
722 Department, SW Rankin Volunteer Fire Department and Monterey  
723 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$75,000.00

724 (gn) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, to provide  
725 funds to be distributed equally among the following fire  
726 departments in Copiah County: Crystal Springs Volunteer Fire  
727 Department, Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, New Zion Volunteer  
728 Fire Department and Dentville Volunteer Fire Department.....  
729 .....\$60,000.00

730 (go) To assist Simpson County, Mississippi, with costs  
731 associated with the Old Pearl Volunteer Fire Department  
732 .....\$15,000.00

733 (gp) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, with funds  
734 associated with the road connecting U.S. Highway 49 to Pearson  
735 Road.....\$500,000.00

736 (gq) To assist the City of Crystal Springs,  
737 Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Chautauqua Park  
738 Amphitheater.....\$500,000.00

739 (gr) \* \* \* [Deleted]

740 (gs) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
741 in paying costs associated with GIS mapping of infrastructure  
742 .....\$75,000.00



743 (gt) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
744 in paying costs associated with improvements or adding turn lanes,  
745 curbs, drainage and sidewalks.....\$400,000.00

746 (gu) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
747 in paying costs associated with covering the stage located at Fort  
748 Maurepas.....\$450,000.00

749 (gv) To the Mississippi Development Authority for the  
750 purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in Batesville,  
751 Mississippi, for research and development to expand its current  
752 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities  
753 in Mississippi.....\$500,000.00

754 (gw) To assist the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency in  
755 paying costs associated with a statewide communications  
756 program.....\$500,000.00

757 (gx) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in  
758 paying costs associated with water, sewer and road infrastructure  
759 renovations in the Downtown Historic District.....  
760 .....\$2,000,000.00

761 (gy) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying  
762 costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20  
763 Connector Loop Project.....\$3,000,000.00

764 (gz) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in  
765 paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs and  
766 improvements at the Senatobia Sports Park.....\$600,000.00



767           (ha) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in  
768 paying costs associated with sewer and water improvements to the  
769 New Image Water and Sewer System.....\$2,000,000.00

770           (hb) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, with  
771 reimbursement of funds for costs associated with Tate County  
772 Courthouse parking facility renovations; any remaining funds may  
773 be spent on drainage and road repairs as determined by the Tate  
774 County Board of Supervisors.....\$1,650,000.00

775           (hc) To assist the Mississippi Department of  
776 Transportation in paying costs associated with improvements at the  
777 intersection of Highway 51 and Porter Street, and at the  
778 intersection of Highway 4 and I-55 intersection within the city  
779 limits of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.....\$750,000.00

780           (hd) To assist Northwest Mississippi Community College  
781 in paying costs associated with capital infrastructure and repairs  
782 to the main campus facilities.....\$2,000,000.00

783           (he) To assist the Cottonville-Savage Rural Water  
784 Association in paying costs associated with construction, repair  
785 and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system  
786 .....\$285,000.00

787           (hf) To assist Holmes Community College in paying costs  
788 associated with the construction of a new Allied Health building  
789 .....\$1,000,000.00





790 (hg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying  
791 costs associated with infrastructure, construction and  
792 improvements to facilities throughout the district.....  
793 .....\$1,000,000.00

794 (hh) To assist the Edinburg Domestic Water Association  
795 in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and  
796 maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system.....  
797 .....\$150,000.00

798 (hi) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying  
799 costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of  
800 North Jordan Street.....\$2,500,000.00

801 (hj) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying  
802 costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of  
803 Red Dog Road.....\$925,000.00

804 (hk) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying  
805 costs associated with the local workforce initiative of the Leake  
806 County Development Association for students in Leake County.....  
807 .....\$50,000.00

808 (hl) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying  
809 costs associated with road resurfacing and repairs in Supervisors  
810 District 2 of the county.....\$500,000.00

811 (hm) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in  
812 paying costs associated with the construction, repair and  
813 renovation of the Carthage Coliseum.....\$1,000,000.00



814           (hn) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying  
815 costs associated with acquiring firefighting equipment for Leake  
816 County fire departments.....\$100,000.00

817           (ho) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying  
818 costs associated with infrastructure improvements, renovations and  
819 rehabilitation of existing town properties, including, but not  
820 limited to, the Welcome Center, City Hall, Old City Hall and the  
821 Library, as well as the purchase of a new police vehicle,  
822 including the necessary equipment to outfit the vehicle.....  
823 .....\$300,000.00

824           (hp) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying  
825 costs associated with the construction of an Attala County Fire  
826 Station, an Emergency Operations Center and E-911  
827 Telecommunications Center.....\$3,600,000.00

828           (hq) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying  
829 costs associated with the repair or replacement of the roof for  
830 the Old Jack Post Industrial Building.....\$850,000.00

831           (hr) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in  
832 paying costs associated with the construction, renovation and  
833 rehabilitation of the Strand Theatre.....\$500,000.00

834           (hs) To assist the Carmack Community Club in Attala  
835 County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the  
836 renovation, construction and rehabilitation of a building for  
837 the \* \* \* club.....\$200,000.00



838           (ht) To assist the Possumneck-Carmack Water Association  
839 in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and  
840 maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, the water association  
841 .....\$150,000.00

842           (hu) To assist Zama Water Association in paying costs  
843 associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and  
844 acquiring equipment for, the water association.....\$150,000.00

845           (hv) To assist the Department of Finance and  
846 Administration in paying costs associated with the program  
847 established under Section 3 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular  
848 Session.....\$300,000.00

849           (hw) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying  
850 costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to  
851 roads and bridges.....\$ 1,100,000.00

852           (hx) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in  
853 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
854 .....\$ 300,000.00

855           (hy) To assist the City of Bay Springs, Mississippi, in  
856 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
857 .....\$ 150,000.00

858           (hz) To assist the East Jasper Consolidated School  
859 District in paying costs associated with \* \* \* repairs and  
860 renovations of the old Heidelberg Academy.....\$ 150,000.00

861           (ia) To assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying  
862 costs associated with repairs and improvements on Monroe Road



863 Extension.....\$ 325,000.00

864 (ib) To assist Lawrence County, Mississippi, in paying

865 costs associated with pavement maintenance for the N.A. Sandifer

866 Highway.....\$ 1,000,000.00

867 (ic) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying

868 costs associated with repairs and renovations to the county

869 courthouse.....\$ 250,000.00

870 (id) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying

871 costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....

872 .....\$ 500,000.00

873 (ie) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in

874 paying costs associated with renovations to the city hall and the

875 municipal fire station.....\$ 500,000.00

876 (if) To assist the Town of Tchula, Mississippi, in

877 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements

878 to town streets.....\$ 250,000.00

879 (ig) To assist the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi,

880 in paying costs associated with the improvement and expansion of

881 aircraft hangers.....\$ 1,500,000.00

882 (ih) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying

883 costs associated with building the Chickasaw Trail Emergency

884 Response Center.....\$ 1,500,000.00

885 (ii) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying

886 costs associated with a parking lot and staging improvements at

887 the National Guard Armory.....\$ 500,000.00



888 (ij) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in  
889 paying costs associated with drainage repair projects.....  
890 .....\$ 500,000.00

891 (ik) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in  
892 paying costs associated with improvements to the Terry Road Bridge  
893 .....\$ 250,000.00.

894 (il) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in  
895 paying costs associated with the renovation of a community center  
896 and improvements to Main Street.....\$ 300,000.00

897 (im) \* \* \* [Deleted]

898 (in) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in  
899 paying costs associated with the construction of a new police  
900 station.....\$ 1,000,000.00

901 (io) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying  
902 costs associated with improvements at the Panola County  
903 Airport.....\$ 500,000.00

904 (ip) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in  
905 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the  
906 North and South Industrial Road Project.....\$ 2,000,000.00

907 (iq) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying  
908 costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Neshoba  
909 County Sheriff's Department.....\$ 200,000.00

910 (ir) To assist the Brewer Community Association, Inc.,  
911 in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of  
912 the community center in Brewer, Mississippi.....\$ 150,000.00



913           (is) To assist Tammy Wynette Legacy Park in paying  
914 costs associated with the improvement and operation of the Tammy  
915 Wynette Legacy Center in the Town of Tremont, Mississippi.....  
916 .....\$ 150,000.00

917           (it) To assist the Prairie Rural Community Development  
918 Club in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation  
919 of the former Prairie School in Prairie, Mississippi.....  
920 .....\$ 150,000.00

921           (iu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in  
922 paying costs associated with improvements to Ballard Park  
923 including, but not limited to, inclusive playground equipment and  
924 any necessary playground equipment for special needs children.....  
925 .....\$ 500,000.00

926           (iv) To assist Jefferson County, Mississippi, in paying  
927 costs associated with infrastructure improvements to roads and  
928 bridges.....\$ 100,000.00

929           (iw) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying  
930 costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
931 .....\$ 500,000.00

932           (ix) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying  
933 costs associated with improvements to law enforcement  
934 facilities.....\$ 225,000.00

935           (iy) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, in paying  
936 costs associated with the demolition of the former hospital  
937 complex in the City of Hazlehurst.....\$ 75,000.00



938           (iz) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, in  
939 paying costs associated with various drainage projects.....  
940 .....\$ 500,000.00

941           (ja) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission in  
942 paying costs associated with a mixed-use downtown development  
943 project, including general infrastructure to leverage public and  
944 private investment.....\$ 2,000,000.00

945           (jb) To assist the City of Magee, Mississippi, in  
946 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
947 .....\$ 500,000.00

948           (jc) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in  
949 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
950 .....\$ 500,000.00

951           (jd) To assist the Village of Puckett, Mississippi, in  
952 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
953 .....\$ 500,000.00

954           (je) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in  
955 paying costs associated with the installation of traffic signals  
956 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Middleton Road and at  
957 the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Mission Road.....  
958 .....\$ 700,000.00

959           (jf) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying  
960 costs associated with improvements to Nat G. Trout Road.....  
961 .....\$ 500,000.00



962           (jg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying  
963 costs associated with renovations and improvements to the  
964 Skipworth Auditorium.....\$ 500,000.00

965           (jh) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying  
966 costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the roof of  
967 the Jack Post Industrial Building.....\$ 250,000.00

968           (ji) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in  
969 paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the  
970 Strand.....\$ 250,000.00

971           (jj) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying  
972 costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Emergency  
973 911 Call Center.....\$ 705,000.00

974           (jk) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying  
975 costs associated with the construction of a county-owned  
976 building.....\$ 400,000.00

977           (jl) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying  
978 costs associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Greene  
979 County Rural Events Center.....\$ 600,000.00

980           (jm) To assist the Mississippi Department of  
981 Transportation in paying costs associated with widening and  
982 improvements to State Highway/Old Highway 63 from Highway 57 to  
983 Highway 63 in Greene County, Mississippi.....\$ 1,000,000.00

984           (jn) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying  
985 costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
986 .....\$ 300,000.00





987           (jo) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying  
988 costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
989 .....\$ 550,000.00

990           (jp) To assist the Town of State Line, Mississippi, in  
991 paying costs associated with Hurricane Zeta.....\$ 250,000.00

992           (jq) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying  
993 costs associated with the repair and upgrades to courtrooms.....  
994 .....\$ 75,000.00

995           (jr) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in  
996 paying costs associated with the extension of Mallet Road.....  
997 .....\$ 2,500,000.00

998           (js) To assist the Mississippi State University  
999 Research and Technology Corporation in paying costs associated  
1000 with the Mississippi Cybersecurity Center adjacent to Keesler Air  
1001 Force Base.....\$15,000,000.00

1002           (jt) To assist the Jackson County School District in  
1003 paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to facilities  
1004 at St. Martin High School.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1005           (ju) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying  
1006 costs associated with upgrades at the intersection of Jim Ramsey  
1007 Road and Old Fort Bayou Road.....\$ 500,000.00

1008           (jv) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
1009 in paying costs associated with repairs and restoration of the  
1010 Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center.....\$ 250,000.00



1011           (jw) To assist the Lamar County School District in  
1012 paying costs associated with the development of the new courtyard  
1013 at the Sumrall High School.....\$ 1,400,000.00

1014           (jx) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in  
1015 paying costs associated with water and sewer improvements.....  
1016 .....\$ 250,000.00

1017           (jy) To assist the City of Collins, Mississippi, in  
1018 paying costs associated with water and sewer improvement near the  
1019 Collins Civic Center.....\$ 400,000.00

1020           (jz) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in  
1021 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on  
1022 Flowood Drive.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1023           (ka) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in  
1024 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on  
1025 Liberty Road and at Liberty Park.....\$ 1,250,000.00

1026           (kb) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying  
1027 costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20  
1028 Connector Loop Project.....\$ 4,500,000.00

1029           (kc) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in  
1030 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to North  
1031 Hills Street from Highway 19 to Highway 39.....\$ 3,400,000.00

1032           (kd) To assist the Kemper County School District in  
1033 paying costs associated with software and training programs for  
1034 the Career and Technical Education Center.....\$ 200,000.00



1035           (ke) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in  
1036 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
1037 .....\$ 500,000.00

1038           (kf) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in  
1039 paying costs associated with the purchase of public safety  
1040 vehicles, public works vehicles and equipment, fire protection  
1041 purchases, street paving and drainage improvements..\$ 1,000,000.00

1042           (kg) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in  
1043 paying costs associated with repairs to the Fisher Ferry  
1044 Bridge..... \$ 4,000,000.00

1045           (kh) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in  
1046 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
1047 .....\$ 500,000.00

1048           (ki) To assist the South Delta School District in  
1049 paying costs associated with asbestos demolition and remediation..  
1050 .....\$ 350,000.00

1051           (kj) To assist with Pearl River Valley Water Supply  
1052 District for the dredging fund.....\$ 2,000,000.00

1053           (kk) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in  
1054 Ocean Springs with costs associated for general purposes for  
1055 dyslexia services.....\$ 195,000.00

1056           (kl) To assist the Culkin Water District with the  
1057 reconstruction of water lines for an industrial park, schools,  
1058 hospital and other accounts.....\$ 1,500,000.00



1059           (km) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying  
1060 costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the historic  
1061 Old Courthouse and grounds in Vicksburg.....\$ 2,000,000.00

1062           (kn) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying  
1063 costs associated with construction and repairs to the Lake George  
1064 Bridge.....\$ 3,000,000.00

1065           (ko) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in  
1066 paying costs associated with the construction of the Commerce Park  
1067 Connector Road.....\$ 2,000,000.00

1068           (kp) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in  
1069 paying costs associated with repairs, renovation and upgrades to  
1070 the Jackson Planetarium.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1071           (kq) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in  
1072 paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and upgrades to  
1073 Thalia Mara Hall.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1074           (kr) To assist the Town of Bolton, Mississippi, in  
1075 paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the \* \* \*  
1076 police department .....\$ 50,000.00

1077           (ks) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying  
1078 costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements and  
1079 traffic signal upgrades on Casino Strip Resort Boulevard.....  
1080 .....\$ 500,000.00

1081           (kt) To assist the Town of Lambert, Mississippi, in  
1082 paying costs associated with equipment purchases for the town's  
1083 fire department.....\$ 100,000.00



1084           (ku) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in  
1085 paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the  
1086 Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads,  
1087 bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention,  
1088 land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.....  
1089 .....\$ 2,000,000.00

1090           (kv) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying  
1091 costs associated with the construction of a roadway and a bridge  
1092 to access the Perry County Industrial Park.....\$ 750,000.00

1093           (kw) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in  
1094 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
1095 .....\$ 500,000.00

1096           (kx) To assist the Mississippi Development Authority in  
1097 providing reimbursements for Major League Baseball mandated  
1098 alterations and improvements to Trustmark Park.....\$ 1,300,000.00

1099           (ky) To assist the Town of Gloster, Mississippi, in  
1100 paying costs associated for infrastructure improvements to Gloster  
1101 Road, Georgia Pacific 1 Road, Georgia Pacific 2 Road, Pepper House  
1102 Road and East Railroad Avenue.....\$ 2,500,000.00

1103           (kz) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in  
1104 paying costs associated with lighting improvements on U.S. Highway  
1105 80.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1106           (la) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in  
1107 paying costs associated with the U.S. Highway 49 pedestrian  
1108 crossover.....\$ 500,000.00



1109           (1b) To assist the City of Newton, Mississippi, in  
1110 paying costs associated with demolition, repairs and renovations  
1111 of the Medical and Community Facility.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1112           (1c) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in  
1113 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to Jack  
1114 Lee Drive and Old Morton Road..... \$ 250,000.00

1115           (1d) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in  
1116 paying costs associated with the installation of a roundabout at  
1117 the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Oak Grove Road.....  
1118 .....\$ 1,500,000.00

1119           (1e) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs  
1120 associated with the acquisition of real property adjacent to  
1121 Turner Industrial Park for the purpose of site expansion and rail  
1122 spur improvements.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1123           (1f) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs  
1124 associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond Fire  
1125 Department in the Richmond community of Lee County.....  
1126 .....\$ 358,000.00

1127           (1g) To assist the City of Slatton, Mississippi, in  
1128 paying costs associated with the construction of a new fire  
1129 station.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1130           (1h) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in  
1131 paying costs associated with the construction of a municipal court  
1132 building and a police station.....\$ 750,000.00



1133           (li) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in  
 1134 paying costs associated with the Madison Avenue bypass to U.S.  
 1135 Highway 51 .....\$ 2,000,000.00  
 1136           (lj) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi,  
 1137 in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
 1138 .....\$ 250,000.00  
 1139           (lk) To assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying  
 1140 costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
 1141 .....\$ 500,000.00  
 1142           (ll) To assist the City of Waveland, Mississippi, in  
 1143 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
 1144 .....\$ 250,000.00  
 1145           (lm) To assist the Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor  
 1146 Sewer District in paying the costs associated with infrastructure  
 1147 improvements.....\$ 2,000,000.00  
 1148           (ln) To assist the Twenty-third Circuit Court District  
 1149 in paying costs associated with the District Attorney's Office....  
 1150 .....\$ 275,000.00  
 1151           (lo) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in  
 1152 paying costs associated with traffic signal and intersection  
 1153 improvements at Stateline Road and Swinnea Road.....\$ 300,000.00  
 1154           (lp) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in  
 1155 paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Snowden  
 1156 Grove Park.....\$ 500,000.00



1157           (lq) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in  
1158 paying costs associated with a traffic signal and intersection  
1159 improvements at Church Road and Tchulahoma Road.....  
1160 .....\$ 350,000.00

1161           (lr) To assist \* \* \* Horn Lake Water \* \* \* Association,  
1162 Inc. in paying costs associated with a water meter replacement  
1163 .....\$ 250,000.00

1164           (ls) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying  
1165 costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the  
1166 Industrial Access Roadway.....\$ 500,000.00

1167           (lt) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in  
1168 paying costs associated with the Polk Street bridge replacement  
1169 project.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1170           (lu) To assist Blue Mountain Christian University in  
1171 paying costs associated with the nursing school.....\$ 250,000.00

1172           (lv) To assist the City of Farmington, Mississippi, in  
1173 paying the costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and  
1174 equipment for the police department.....\$ 100,000.00

1175           (lw) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying  
1176 costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the  
1177 roundabout at Oak Grove Road and Weathersby Road....\$ 1,500,000.00

1178           (lx) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development  
1179 Foundation in paying costs associated with the employment of  
1180 career coaches for the Jackson County School District.....  
1181 .....\$ 600,000.00





1182 (ly) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying  
1183 costs associated with road and bridge repairs in Supervisor  
1184 District 1.....\$ 300,000.00

1185 (lz) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in  
1186 paying costs associated with repair and renovations of Estes  
1187 Street, Airdale Drive \* \* \*, Sidney Street and other streets  
1188 .....\$ 600,000.00

1189 (ma) To assist the Town of Metcalfe, Mississippi, in  
1190 paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and  
1191 technological enhancements of town hall.....\$ 100,000.00

1192 (mb) To assist the Town of Benoit, Mississippi, in  
1193 paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and  
1194 technological enhancements of town hall.....\$ 100,000.00

1195 (mc) To assist the City of Leland, Mississippi, in  
1196 paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and  
1197 technological enhancements of city hall.....\$ 75,000.00

1198 (md) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in  
1199 paying costs associated with improvements, renovations, repairs  
1200 and upgrades to the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport....\$ 500,000.00

1201 (me) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in  
1202 paying costs associated with infrastructure and drainage  
1203 improvements.....\$ 500,000.00

1204 (mf) To assist Bolivar County, Mississippi, in paying  
1205 costs associated with the expansion of the Terrene Landing River  
1206 Boat Dock and improvements to Terrene Landing Road.....



1207 .....\$ 400,000.00

1208 (mg) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in

1209 paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and expansion

1210 of the General Building 1016 at the Tri-State Commerce Park.....

1211 .....\$ 650,000.00

1212 (mh) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in

1213 paying costs associated with construction, renovation and repair

1214 of an acquired building to repurpose for use as the city hall.....

1215 .....\$ 250,000.00

1216 (mi) To assist the Town of Marietta, Mississippi, in

1217 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....

1218 .....\$ 200,000.00

1219 (mj) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in

1220 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the

1221 Fawn Grove Industrial Park.....\$ 148,000.00

1222 (mk) To assist the Town of Tishomingo, Mississippi, in

1223 paying costs associated with the replacement of gate valves and

1224 other water infrastructure projects.....\$ 150,000.00

1225 (ml) To assist the Village of Paden, Mississippi, in

1226 paying costs associated with the repairs and renovations of a

1227 village-owned industrial building.....\$ 150,000.00

1228 (mm) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying

1229 costs associated with repairs and renovations to the RCDC

1230 facilities.....\$ 40,000.00



1231           (mn) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in  
1232 paying costs associated with repairs and renovations at the Old  
1233 Historical Courthouse.....\$ 100,000.00

1234           (mo) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in  
1235 paying costs associated with equipment upgrades and other  
1236 purchases for the town's police department.....\$ 50,000.00

1237           (mp) To assist the Town of New Houlka, Mississippi, in  
1238 paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck.....  
1239 .....\$ 125,000.00

1240           (mq) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying  
1241 costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of  
1242 County Road 137.....\$ 125,000.00

1243           (mr) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying  
1244 costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of  
1245 County Road 306.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1246           (ms) To assist the Pat Harrison Waterway District in  
1247 paying costs associated with the relocation of a boat ramp.....  
1248 .....\$ 100,000.00

1249           (mt) To assist the Mississippi Department of  
1250 Transportation in paying costs associated with a turn lane and  
1251 traffic signal at the intersection of McArthur Street and Highway  
1252 145 in Quitman, Mississippi.....\$ 100,000.00

1253           (mu) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying  
1254 costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment for  
1255 the Clarke County Sherriff's Department.....



1256 .....\$ 100,000.00  
 1257 (mv) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying  
 1258 costs associated with repairs and improvements to roads and  
 1259 bridges.....\$ 500,000.00  
 1260 (mw) To assist the Town of Cary, Mississippi, in paying  
 1261 costs associated with the construction of a fire station.....  
 1262 .....\$ 250,000.00  
 1263 (mx) To assist Yazoo City, Mississippi, in paying costs  
 1264 associated with the repair and renovation of the Triangle Cultural  
 1265 Center.....\$ 200,000.00  
 1266 (my) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in  
 1267 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
 1268 .....\$ 750,000.00  
 1269 (mz) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi,  
 1270 in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
 1271 .....\$ 750,000.00  
 1272 (na) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, in  
 1273 paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks and  
 1274 firefighting equipment for the city's fire department.....  
 1275 .....\$ 350,000.00  
 1276 (nb) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in  
 1277 paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements  
 1278 to streets.....\$ 1,000,000.00



1279           (nc) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying  
1280 costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the  
1281 Chrome-Craft Redevelopment project.....\$ 1,000,000.00

1282           (nd) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying  
1283 costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor  
1284 District 1.....\$ 300,000.00

1285           (ne) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying  
1286 costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor  
1287 District 2.....\$ 300,000.00

1288           (nf) To assist the Town of Potts Camp, Mississippi, in  
1289 paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
1290 .....\$ 300,000.00

1291           (ng) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying  
1292 costs associated with the engineering and construction of the  
1293 Jackson County Blueway Connection, along the Pascagoula River.....  
1294 .....\$ 500,000.00

1295           (nh) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in  
1296 defraying expenses associated with a police substation for East  
1297 Pascagoula.....\$ 1,500,000.00

1298           (ni) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
1299 in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.....  
1300 .....\$ 600,000.00

1301           (nj) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in  
1302 paying costs associated with the Starkville Main Street  
1303 Project.....\$ 500,000.00



1304 (nk) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, with  
1305 costs associated with roof repairs to the Town of Maben's Fire  
1306 Department.....\$ 50,000.00

1307 (nl) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in \* \* \*  
1308 providing funds to be distributed equally among the following fire  
1309 departments to assist in paying various department costs: Adaton  
1310 Self Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Central Oktibbeha Fire  
1311 Department, Maben Fire Department, and Sturgis/District 4  
1312 Volunteer Fire Department.....\$ 200,000.00

1313 (nm) To assist Webster County, Mississippi, with costs  
1314 associated with the repairs and maintenance of the Volunteer Fire  
1315 Departments buildings.....\$ 250,000.00

1316 (nn) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, with  
1317 costs associated with the purchase of a police vehicle.....  
1318 .....\$ 55,000.00

1319 (no) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, with  
1320 costs associated with infrastructure improvement projects and  
1321 purchasing vehicles for the police department.....\$ 45,000.00

1322 (np) To assist the Community Foundation for Mississippi  
1323 in paying costs associated with providing direct services for  
1324 reading intervention and training for teachers, and with  
1325 renovations to building space to provide such services.....  
1326 .....\$ 500,000.00

1327 (nq) To assist the Marty Stuart Congress of Country  
1328 Music Museum in paying costs associated with the construction of



1329 Phase 2 of the museum in the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi;  
1330 however, no funds may be disbursed for such purposes until the  
1331 Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that  
1332 the museum, museum owner or museum governing body, as applicable,  
1333 possesses the ownership rights to all Marty Stuart memorabilia,  
1334 exhibits and/or other items or material displayed in the museum or  
1335 has a written binding agreement to display Marty Stuart  
1336 memorabilia and/or similar memorabilia for a period of at least  
1337 twenty-five (25) years.....\$10,000,000.00

1338 (nr) To provide funds to the Three Rivers Solid Waste  
1339 Management Authority to construct, repair, renovate, expand,  
1340 enhance, improve, and equip the Three Rivers Regional Landfill in  
1341 the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, and the three (3) Authority  
1342 Transfer Stations located in the City of Oxford, Mississippi, Lee  
1343 County, Mississippi, and Monroe County, Mississippi.....  
1344 .....\$4,000,000.00

1345 (ns) To assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in  
1346 paying costs associated with the construction, furnishing and  
1347 equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in the City of Tupelo,  
1348 Mississippi.....\$4,950,000.00

1349 (nt) To assist the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance  
1350 in paying costs associated with the Okhissa Lake Development  
1351 Project.....\$8,000,000.00

1352 (nu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, with a  
1353 match to federal funds for the construction of railroad



1354 improvements that run through the city for public safety and  
1355 economic development improvements.....\$4,600,000.00  
1356           (nv) To assist Camp Kamassa in defraying expenses  
1357 related to construction of buildings, facilities, complexes and  
1358 related infrastructure.....\$4,000,000.00  
1359           (nw) To assist Hinds Community College in paying costs  
1360 associated with construction of the Health Science Complex at the  
1361 Rankin Campus.....\$16,000,000.00  
1362           (nx) To \* \* \* assist the Columbus Redevelopment  
1363 Authority in paying costs associated with the Park View - Burns  
1364 Bottom Project.....\$3,000,000.00  
1365           (ny) To the Prentiss County School District for  
1366 upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE  
1367 program at Wheeler Attendance Center.....\$1,000,000.00  
1368           (nz) To the Grenada School District for upgrades to  
1369 equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1370 .....\$3,000,000.00  
1371           (oa) To the Itawamba County School District for  
1372 upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE  
1373 program including equipment for aiding in logistics and  
1374 maintenance.....\$4,000,000.00  
1375           (ob) To the George County School District for upgrades  
1376 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1377 .....\$1,000,000.00





1378           (oc) To the Jackson County School District for upgrades  
1379 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at  
1380 three high schools: East Central, Vancleave and St. Martin.....  
1381 .....\$9,000,000.00

1382           (od) To the South Tippah School District for upgrades  
1383 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1384 .....\$500,000.00

1385           (oe) To the Senatobia Municipal School District for  
1386 upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE  
1387 program.....\$500,000.00

1388           (of) To the Attala County School District for upgrades  
1389 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at  
1390 Kosciusko-Attala County Career Tech Center.....\$2,000,000.00

1391           (og) To the Greene County School District for upgrades  
1392 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1393 .....\$2,000,000.00

1394           (oh) To the Lee County School District for upgrades to  
1395 equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1396 .....\$350,000.00

1397           (oi) To the Wayne County School District for upgrades  
1398 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1399 .....\$500,000.00

1400           (oj) To Long Beach High School for upgrades to  
1401 equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1402 .....\$1,000,000.00



1403 (ok) To the Newton County School System for upgrades to  
1404 equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1405 .....\$2,000,000.00

1406 (ol) To the Tupelo Public School District for upgrades  
1407 to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program.....  
1408 .....\$350,000.00.

1409 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, is  
1410 amended as follows:

1411 Section 4. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of  
1412 this act into the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in  
1413 Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by  
1414 the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the  
1415 authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate  
1416 Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, with  
1417 the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
1418 Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities  
1419 under its management and control to pay the costs of capital  
1420 improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities,  
1421 furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as  
1422 hereinafter described:

		AMOUNT
NAME	PROJECT	ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University.....		\$ 13,197,500.00
Repair, renovation,		
and expansion of and upgrades,		



1428 improvements and additions  
 1429 to the David L. Whitney  
 1430 Complex and Wellness  
 1431 Center.....\$ 13,197,500.00  
 1432 Alcorn State University/Division of  
 1433 Agriculture.....\$ 620,000.00  
 1434 Preplanning for renovation  
 1435 of the poultry science  
 1436 facilities on the Lorman  
 1437 Campus into a Poultry/Animal  
 1438 Science Center Academic  
 1439 Research Center Building  
 1440 Complex.....\$ 620,000.00  
 1441 Delta State University.....\$ 8,122,500.00  
 1442 Repair, renovation,  
 1443 and upgrading of  
 1444 campus buildings  
 1445 and facilities.....\$ 2,800,000.00  
 1446 Repair and renovation  
 1447 of and upgrades,  
 1448 improvements and  
 1449 additions to the  
 1450 Walter Sillers Coliseum.....\$ 5,322,500.00  
 1451 Jackson State University.....\$ 8,013,000.00  
 1452 Construction, furnishing



1453 and equipping of a new  
 1454 residence hall and related  
 1455 facilities, and/or repairing and  
 1456 renovating existing residence halls  
 1457 and related facilities.....\$ 8,013,000.00  
 1458 Mississippi State University.....\$ 20,732,500.00  
 1459 Repair, renovation, construction,  
 1460 acquisition of property, furnishing  
 1461 and equipping of related  
 1462 facilities to house the  
 1463 College of Architecture,  
 1464 Art and Design.....\$ 5,732,500.00  
 1465 Repair, renovation, construction,  
 1466 acquisition of property, furnishing  
 1467 and equipping of related  
 1468 facilities of the Kinesiology  
 1469 and Autism Building.....\$ 15,000,000.00  
 1470 Mississippi State University/Division of  
 1471 Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine....\$ 14,755,000.00  
 1472 Repair and renovation  
 1473 of and upgrades and  
 1474 improvements to  
 1475 Dorman Hall and  
 1476 related facilities.....\$ 1,300,000.00  
 1477 Preplanning for renovation



1478 of and upgrades and  
 1479 improvements to  
 1480 the Bost Extension  
 1481 Center.....\$ 455,000.00  
 1482 Repair and renovation  
 1483 of and upgrades and  
 1484 improvements to  
 1485 Dorman Hall and  
 1486 related facilities.....\$ 13,000,000.00  
 1487 Mississippi University for Women.....\$ 9,312,500.00  
 1488 Repair, renovation,  
 1489 and upgrading of  
 1490 campus buildings  
 1491 and facilities.....\$ 8,712,500.00  
 1492 Preplanning for repair  
 1493 and renovation of  
 1494 and upgrades and  
 1495 improvements to Old  
 1496 Pohl Gym.....\$ 300,000.00  
 1497 Preplanning for repair  
 1498 and renovation of  
 1499 and upgrades and  
 1500 improvements to the  
 1501 Hogarth Center.....\$ 300,000.00  
 1502 Mississippi Valley State University.....\$ 3,427,500.00



1503 Demolition of Leflore Hall  
 1504 and preplanning for  
 1505 construction, furnishing  
 1506 and equipping of a new  
 1507 residence hall and related  
 1508 facilities.....\$ 3,427,500.00  
 1509 University of Mississippi.....\$ 18,382,500.00  
 1510 Planning and construction,  
 1511 furnishing and  
 1512 equipping of a  
 1513 new building and  
 1514 related facilities  
 1515 to house the School  
 1516 of Accountancy.....\$ 14,382,500.00  
 1517 Repair, renovation, and expansion  
 1518 of the Nursing School in  
 1519 Oxford.....\$ 4,000,000.00  
 1520 University of Mississippi Medical Center.....\$ 56,886,500.00  
 1521 Repair, renovation,  
 1522 and upgrading of  
 1523 campus buildings  
 1524 and facilities.....\$ 11,350,000.00  
 1525 Upgrades and improvements  
 1526 to elevators and related  
 1527 facilities.....\$ 4,000,000.00



1528 Development and  
 1529 implementation of  
 1530 campus wayfinding  
 1531 system.....\$ 1,536,500.00  
 1532 Construction, furnishing  
 1533 and equipping of a new Dental  
 1534 School.....\$40,000,000.00  
 1535 University of Southern Mississippi.....\$ 22,162,500.00  
 1536 Construction, furnishing  
 1537 and equipping of a new  
 1538 science research facility.....\$ 17,162,500.00  
 1539 Repair and renovation of the  
 1540 Criminal Justice Building  
 1541 and improvements to the  
 1542 Forensic Lab .....\$ 5,000,000.00  
 1543 University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf  
 1544 Coast Campuses.....\$ 11,140,000.00  
 1545 Repair, renovation,  
 1546 and upgrading of  
 1547 campus buildings  
 1548 and facilities at  
 1549 the Gulf Coast  
 1550 Research Laboratory,  
 1551 Halstead Campus.....\$ 640,000.00  
 1552 Ocean Enterprise at



1553 the Port of Gulfport \$ 10,000,000.00  
 1554 Dubard School and Children's  
 1555 Center for Communication and  
 1556 Development - Gulf Park campus  
 1557 for furnishing and equipment...\$ 500,000.00.  
 1558 IHL Education and Research Center.....\$ 6,500,000.00  
 1559 Replacement of a chiller  
 1560 and related equipment  
 1561 for the campus air  
 1562 conditioning and  
 1563 heating system; replacement  
 1564 of cooling tower and  
 1565 related equipment for  
 1566 the campus air conditioning  
 1567 and heating system;  
 1568 replacement of roof for  
 1569 the Universities Center;  
 1570 and replacement of campus  
 1571 emergency management  
 1572 system.....\$6,500,000.00  
 1573 **TOTAL.....\$ 193,252,000.00**

1574 (2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant  
 1575 to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of  
 1576 projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any  
 1577 monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years





1578 after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act  
1579 into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for  
1580 which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this  
1581 section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the  
1582 Department of Finance and Administration.

1583 (b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse  
1584 reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department  
1585 of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of  
1586 Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering  
1587 or providing assistance directly related to a project described in  
1588 subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs  
1589 incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for  
1590 each project by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
1591 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.  
1592 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a  
1593 project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the  
1594 special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a  
1595 particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative  
1596 costs for unrelated projects.

1597 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting  
1598 through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
1599 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and  
1600 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the  
1601 expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The  
1602 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be



1603 under the direction of the Department of Finance and  
1604 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State  
1605 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants  
1606 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director  
1607 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her  
1608 designee.

1609 (4) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher  
1610 learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the  
1611 projects at such institution of higher learning that are described  
1612 in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs  
1613 and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

1614 **SECTION 3.** Section 27-104-373, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1615 amended as follows:

1616 27-104-373. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the  
1617 "2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund," is created within the  
1618 State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State  
1619 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from  
1620 the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be  
1621 disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as  
1622 provided in Section 28 of this act. Unexpended amounts remaining  
1623 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
1624 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings  
1625 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

1626 (2) Contracts or purchases for projects funded with monies  
1627 disbursed from the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund under



1628 Section 28 of Chapter 549, 2023 Regular Session, as amended by  
1629 Section 1 of this act, that involve expenditures that are more  
1630 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than  
1631 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight  
1632 and shipping charges, must be made from the lowest and best bidder  
1633 without publishing or posting advertisements for bids after  
1634 obtaining at least two (2) competitive written bids. Any such  
1635 contracts or purchases that involve expenditures that are more  
1636 than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of  
1637 freight and shipping charges, must be made from the lowest and  
1638 best bidder after advertising for competitive bids and obtaining  
1639 at least three (3) competitive written bids. "Competitive" means  
1640 that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification  
1641 of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge  
1642 of other bids or prospective bids. This provision of this  
1643 subsection shall supersede any other provision of law to the  
1644 contrary.

1645       **SECTION 4.** Section 65-1-185, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1646 amended as follows:

1647       65-1-185. There is created in the State Treasury a special  
1648 fund to be designated as the "2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure  
1649 Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by  
1650 the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
1651 designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be  
1652 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,



1653 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies  
1654 deposited into the fund shall be used by the \* \* \* Mississippi  
1655 Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the  
1656 Legislature, to assist \* \* \* in paying the costs associated with  
1657 infrastructure improvements on Interstate 55 from Church Road to  
1658 Goodman Road in Desoto County, Mississippi. Unexpended amounts  
1659 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
1660 into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or  
1661 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the  
1662 credit of the fund.

1663 **SECTION 5.** Section 65-1-187, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1664 amended as follows:

1665 65-1-187. There is created in the State Treasury a special  
1666 fund to be designated as the "2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure  
1667 Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by  
1668 the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
1669 designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be  
1670 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,  
1671 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies  
1672 deposited into the fund shall be used by the \* \* \* Mississippi  
1673 Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the  
1674 Legislature, to assist \* \* \* in paying the costs associated with  
1675 infrastructure improvements on Highway 7 from Highway 9 to 0.2  
1676 miles North of Highway 6 in Lafayette County, Mississippi.  
1677 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal



1678 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any  
1679 investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund  
1680 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

1681 **SECTION 6.** Section 65-1-189, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1682 amended as follows:

1683 65-1-189. There is created in the State Treasury a special  
1684 fund to be designated as the "2023 Gulfport Commerce Corridor  
1685 Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the  
1686 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
1687 designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be  
1688 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,  
1689 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies  
1690 deposited into the fund shall be used by the \* \* \* Mississippi  
1691 Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the  
1692 Legislature, to assist in paying the costs associated with the  
1693 Gulfport Commerce Corridor project located in the City of  
1694 Gulfport. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of  
1695 a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any  
1696 investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund  
1697 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

1698 **SECTION 7.** Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as  
1699 amended by House Bill No. 297 and Senate Bill No. 2486, 2024  
1700 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

1701 **[Until July 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]**



1702 31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall  
1703 purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage  
1704 collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or  
1705 disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for  
1706 public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

1707 (a) **Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00.**

1708 Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five  
1709 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping  
1710 charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting  
1711 competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph

1712 (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing  
1713 authority from establishing procedures which require competitive  
1714 bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

1715 (b) **Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but**

1716 **not over \$75,000.00.** Purchases which involve an expenditure of  
1717 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than  
1718 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight  
1719 and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder  
1720 without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at  
1721 least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any  
1722 state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities  
1723 or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may  
1724 authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the  
1725 lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
1726 (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities



1727 pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent,  
1728 or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than  
1729 counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to  
1730 counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid.  
1731 Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing  
1732 authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of  
1733 the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing  
1734 authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase  
1735 clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing  
1736 authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may  
1737 be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent  
1738 or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of  
1739 law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing  
1740 authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid  
1741 submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or  
1742 governing authority and signed by authorized personnel  
1743 representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's  
1744 letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized  
1745 personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that  
1746 the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the  
1747 needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of  
1748 other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in  
1749 excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down  
1750 by components to provide detail of component description and  
1751 pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids



1752 and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be  
1753 submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally  
1754 accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by  
1755 electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the  
1756 vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing  
1757 authorities.

1758 (c) **Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.**

1759 (i) **Publication requirement.**

1760 1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of  
1761 more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of  
1762 freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best  
1763 bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for  
1764 two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the  
1765 county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority  
1766 is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
1767 projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)  
1768 shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and  
1769 Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to  
1770 programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and  
1771 Reinvestment Act.

1772 2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary  
1773 method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a  
1774 purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the  
1775 best interest of the state, then that determination must be  
1776 approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing





1777 entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse  
1778 auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present  
1779 an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement  
1780 Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes  
1781 the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than  
1782 reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the  
1783 other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but  
1784 not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received  
1785 electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other  
1786 method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the  
1787 Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall  
1788 not be used for any public contract for design, construction,  
1789 improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities,  
1790 including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods  
1791 for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public  
1792 Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by  
1793 alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not  
1794 apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning.  
1795 The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the  
1796 primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract  
1797 purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a  
1798 purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction  
1799 for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply  
1800 to individual public schools, including public charter schools and  
1801 public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted



1802 educational supplemental materials and software as a service  
1803 product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a  
1804 purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for  
1805 Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the  
1806 requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

1807                   3. The date as published for the bid opening  
1808 shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last  
1809 published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction  
1810 project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five  
1811 Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in  
1812 less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is  
1813 published and the notice for the purchase of such construction  
1814 shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks.

1815   \* \* \* The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase  
1816 equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be  
1817 received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or  
1818 supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications  
1819 are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on  
1820 file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or  
1821 municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at  
1822 the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two  
1823 (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by  
1824 publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some  
1825 newspaper having a general circulation in the county or  
1826 municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that



1827 the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the  
1828 agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice  
1829 to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the  
1830 Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the  
1831 Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same  
1832 information as that in the published notice. \* \* \* Within one  
1833 (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing  
1834 authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the  
1835 Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award,  
1836 including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief  
1837 summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by  
1838 the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract  
1839 execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the  
1840 designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and  
1841 Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy  
1842 of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for  
1843 linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules  
1844 promulgated by the department. The information provided by the  
1845 agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web  
1846 page \* \* \* until the project is completed \* \* \*.

1847 4. Agencies and governing authorities using  
1848 federal funds for the procurement of any good or service,  
1849 including exempt personal and professional services, must comply  
1850 with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and  
1851 Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Subpart D - Post Federal



1852 Award Requirements Procurement Standards, in accordance with 2 CFR  
1853 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327.

1854 (ii) **Bidding process amendment procedure.** If all  
1855 plans and/or specifications are published in the notification,  
1856 then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all  
1857 plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification,  
1858 then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid  
1859 opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or  
1860 governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders  
1861 who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all  
1862 such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This  
1863 notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile,  
1864 electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information  
1865 distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued  
1866 within two (2) working days of the time established for the  
1867 receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening  
1868 to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of  
1869 the addendum.

1870 (iii) **Filing requirement.** In all cases involving  
1871 governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or  
1872 posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or  
1873 equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board  
1874 of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a  
1875 bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors  
1876 to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and



1877 such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to  
1878 the bid.

1879 (iv) **Specification restrictions.**

1880 1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding  
1881 shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of  
1882 domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is  
1883 presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the  
1884 board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific  
1885 equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such  
1886 justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a  
1887 governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing  
1888 authority to write specifications to require a specific item of  
1889 equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these  
1890 requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable  
1891 classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such  
1892 relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet  
1893 all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education,  
1894 including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of  
1895 Education.

1896 2. Specifications for construction projects  
1897 may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture,  
1898 construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are  
1899 instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such  
1900 items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in  
1901 a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the



1902 agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made  
1903 to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

1904 (v) **Electronic bids.** Agencies and governing  
1905 authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system  
1906 for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall  
1907 be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to  
1908 submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and  
1909 Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that  
1910 agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and  
1911 governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions  
1912 necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose  
1913 to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring  
1914 competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or  
1915 requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified  
1916 in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies  
1917 or governing authorities that are currently without available high  
1918 speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this  
1919 subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access  
1920 becomes available. Any county having a population of less than  
1921 twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of  
1922 this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of  
1923 less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the  
1924 provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this  
1925 subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids  
1926 electronically. When construction bids are submitted



1927 electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of  
1928 responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not  
1929 exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the  
1930 bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be  
1931 deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with  
1932 the electronic bid submittal.

1933 (d) **Lowest and best bid decision procedure.**

1934 (i) **Decision procedure.** Purchases may be made  
1935 from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and  
1936 best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included.  
1937 Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed  
1938 buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included  
1939 in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state  
1940 agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the  
1941 Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing  
1942 authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually  
1943 submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and  
1944 narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to  
1945 be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the  
1946 accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency  
1947 or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not  
1948 included in the specifications.

1949 (ii) **Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing**  
1950 **Offices.** In addition to the decision procedure set forth in  
1951 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing



1952 Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be  
1953 made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the  
1954 best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included.  
1955 Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed  
1956 buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training  
1957 costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited  
1958 to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within  
1959 the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in  
1960 the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize  
1961 Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals  
1962 (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value  
1963 procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with  
1964 regulations established by the Department of Finance and  
1965 Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a  
1966 bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

1967 (iii) **Decision procedure for Mississippi**

1968 **Landmarks.** In addition to the decision procedure set forth in  
1969 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves  
1970 renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or  
1971 any other historical building designated for at least five (5)  
1972 years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the  
1973 Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections  
1974 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the  
1975 following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and  
1976 best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be





1977 determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the  
1978 first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria  
1979 shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in  
1980 historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In  
1981 determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges  
1982 shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids,  
1983 warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant  
1984 provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best  
1985 bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in  
1986 compliance with regulations established by the Department of  
1987 Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a  
1988 bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place  
1989 on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing  
1990 that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best  
1991 bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the  
1992 dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority  
1993 shall accept a bid based on items not included in the  
1994 specifications.

1995 (iv) **Construction project negotiations authority.**  
1996 If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%)  
1997 above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or  
1998 renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall  
1999 be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter  
2000 into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.



2001 (e) **Lease-purchase authorization.** For the purposes of  
2002 this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture  
2003 and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable  
2004 direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase  
2005 of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase  
2006 under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section  
2007 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing  
2008 authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a  
2009 lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase  
2010 financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a  
2011 third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least  
2012 two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of  
2013 this section, for such financing without advertising for such  
2014 bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or  
2015 after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or,  
2016 where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before  
2017 the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be  
2018 for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall  
2019 maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation  
2020 indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of  
2021 such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of  
2022 equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper  
2023 limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the  
2024 Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the  
2025 Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal



2026 Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December  
2027 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to  
2028 any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase  
2029 agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain  
2030 any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase  
2031 agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5),  
2032 and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause  
2033 substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8).  
2034 Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase  
2035 transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with  
2036 respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same  
2037 information as required to be maintained by the Department of  
2038 Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13).  
2039 However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
2040 permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total  
2041 acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand  
2042 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All  
2043 equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by  
2044 lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase  
2045 payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi  
2046 sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any  
2047 lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from  
2048 State of Mississippi income taxation.

2049 (f) **Alternate bid authorization.** When necessary to  
2050 ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the



2051 timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2)  
2052 alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for  
2053 commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such  
2054 alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot  
2055 deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event,  
2056 purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the  
2057 bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

2058 (g) **Construction contract change authorization.** In the  
2059 event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority  
2060 after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications  
2061 to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the  
2062 purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or  
2063 governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes  
2064 pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the  
2065 circumstances without the necessity of further public bids;  
2066 provided that such change shall be made in a commercially  
2067 reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public  
2068 purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person,  
2069 the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing  
2070 authority with respect to any public construction contract shall  
2071 have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing  
2072 authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original  
2073 contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or  
2074 governing authority when any such change or modification is less  
2075 than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or



2076 governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of  
2077 such emergency changes or modifications.

2078           (h) **Petroleum purchase alternative.** In addition to  
2079 other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any  
2080 agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel  
2081 fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount  
2082 set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or  
2083 governing authority may purchase the commodity after having  
2084 solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids,  
2085 as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2)  
2086 competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply  
2087 with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.  
2088 In the event any agency or governing authority shall have  
2089 advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and  
2090 other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be  
2091 obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and  
2092 directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the  
2093 lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such  
2094 commodities.

2095           (i) **Road construction petroleum products price**  
2096 **adjustment clause authorization.** Any agency or governing  
2097 authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction,  
2098 maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets,  
2099 may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price  
2100 adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor,



2101 including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of  
2102 petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or  
2103 execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of  
2104 materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index  
2105 shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi  
2106 Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed,  
2107 upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each  
2108 municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors  
2109 throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based  
2110 on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include  
2111 any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The  
2112 bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and  
2113 methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of  
2114 such petroleum products.

2115           (j) **State agency emergency purchase procedure.** If the  
2116 governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any  
2117 agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in  
2118 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
2119 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive  
2120 bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then  
2121 the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the  
2122 Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement  
2123 explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency,  
2124 which shall include a detailed description of the events leading  
2125 up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the



2126 purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in  
2127 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified  
2128 copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency  
2129 requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of  
2130 the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal  
2131 Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase  
2132 or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding  
2133 requirements.

2134         If the governing board or the executive head, or his  
2135 designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in  
2136 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
2137 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive  
2138 bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the  
2139 preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in  
2140 this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any  
2141 officer or agent of the agency having general or specific  
2142 authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve  
2143 the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing  
2144 from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract  
2145 was made.

2146         Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be  
2147 for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency  
2148 situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the  
2149 purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the  
2150 purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be



2151 filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any  
2152 contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a  
2153 term of one (1) year.

2154 Purchases under the grant program established under Section  
2155 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school  
2156 districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology  
2157 needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for  
2158 purposes of this paragraph (j).

2159 (k) **Governing authority emergency purchase procedure.**

2160 If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting  
2161 through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in  
2162 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
2163 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive  
2164 bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing  
2165 authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding  
2166 shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing  
2167 authority having general or special authority therefor in making  
2168 such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor,  
2169 and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase  
2170 was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the  
2171 board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair  
2172 contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract,  
2173 including a description of the commodity purchased, the price  
2174 thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the  
2175 board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such





2176 governing authority. Purchases under the grant program  
2177 established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the  
2178 directive that school districts create a distance learning plan  
2179 and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an  
2180 emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

2181 (1) **Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease**  
2182 **authorization.**

2183 (i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any  
2184 public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for  
2185 the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract  
2186 of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment  
2187 terms do not exceed five (5) years.

2188 (ii) In addition to the authority granted in  
2189 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (1), the commissioners or board  
2190 of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of  
2191 equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for  
2192 the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not  
2193 financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or  
2194 services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or  
2195 services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a  
2196 maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a  
2197 cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such  
2198 cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further  
2199 liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the  
2200 lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the



2201 commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this  
2202 subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set  
2203 forth in this section.

2204 (m) **Exceptions from bidding requirements.** Excepted  
2205 from bid requirements are:

2206 (i) **Purchasing agreements approved by department.**  
2207 Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations  
2208 executed or approved by the Department of Finance and  
2209 Administration.

2210 (ii) **Outside equipment repairs.** Repairs to  
2211 equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the  
2212 private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or  
2213 other such components shall not be included in this exemption when  
2214 replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need  
2215 for such total component replacement is known before disassembly  
2216 of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment,  
2217 specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name,  
2218 supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor  
2219 and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such  
2220 repairs.

2221 (iii) **In-house equipment repairs.** Purchases of  
2222 parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by  
2223 personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire  
2224 assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be



2225 included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being  
2226 replaced instead of being repaired.

2227 (iv) **Raw gravel or dirt.** Raw unprocessed deposits  
2228 of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by  
2229 the purchaser.

2230 (v) **Governmental equipment auctions.** Motor  
2231 vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or  
2232 authority, another governing authority or state agency of the  
2233 State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency  
2234 of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of  
2235 disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a  
2236 governing authority under the exemption authorized by this  
2237 subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon  
2238 the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of  
2239 the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid  
2240 authorized to be paid for each item or items.

2241 (vi) **Intergovernmental sales and transfers.**  
2242 Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or  
2243 state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are  
2244 made by a private treaty agreement or through means of  
2245 negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another  
2246 governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi,  
2247 or any state agency or governing authority of another state.  
2248 Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public  
2249 auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this



2250 paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow  
2251 governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities  
2252 from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by  
2253 both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at  
2254 prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the  
2255 selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is  
2256 in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing  
2257 authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any  
2258 justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain  
2259 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior  
2260 to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

2261 (vii) **Perishable supplies or food.** Perishable  
2262 supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals,  
2263 the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding  
2264 of county or municipal prisoners.

2265 (viii) **Single-source items.** Noncompetitive items  
2266 available from one (1) source only. In connection with the  
2267 purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1)  
2268 source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances  
2269 requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the  
2270 Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing  
2271 authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt  
2272 of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration  
2273 or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may,  
2274 in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted



2275 on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter.  
2276 In those situations, a governing authority is not required to  
2277 obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and  
2278 Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the  
2279 state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of  
2280 Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase,  
2281 including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase  
2282 price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

2283 (ix) **Waste disposal facility construction**  
2284 **contracts.** Construction of incinerators and other facilities for  
2285 disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated  
2286 therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials  
2287 for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however,  
2288 in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency  
2289 shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the  
2290 same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public  
2291 construction projects, concerning the design, construction,  
2292 ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities,  
2293 wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain  
2294 terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility,  
2295 technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities  
2296 and such other matters as are determined by the governing  
2297 authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after  
2298 responses to the request for proposals have been duly received,  
2299 the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified



2300 proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other  
2301 relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the  
2302 terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of  
2303 the persons or firms submitting proposals.

2304                   (x) **Hospital group purchase contracts.** Supplies,  
2305 commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group  
2306 purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

2307                   (xi) **Information technology products.** Purchases  
2308 of information technology products made by governing authorities  
2309 under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed  
2310 or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information  
2311 Technology Services and designated for use by governing  
2312 authorities.

2313                   (xii) **Energy efficiency services and equipment.**  
2314 Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school  
2315 districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher  
2316 learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental  
2317 entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis  
2318 pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

2319                   (xiii) **Municipal electrical utility system fuel.**  
2320 Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric  
2321 power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal  
2322 and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

2323                   (xiv) **Library books and other reference materials.**  
2324 Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals;



2325 processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides;  
2326 recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items  
2327 as would be used for teaching, research or other information  
2328 distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders,  
2329 audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt  
2330 under this subparagraph.

2331 (xv) **Unmarked vehicles.** Purchases of unmarked  
2332 vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with  
2333 purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and  
2334 Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

2335 (xvi) **Election ballots.** Purchases of ballots  
2336 printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

2337 (xvii) **Multichannel interactive video systems.**  
2338 From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority  
2339 for Educational Television with any private educational  
2340 institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are  
2341 educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or  
2342 lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of  
2343 personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems  
2344 (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

2345 (xviii) **Purchases of prison industry products by**  
2346 **the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or**  
2347 **privately owned prisons.** Purchases made by the Mississippi  
2348 Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or



2349 privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured,  
2350 processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

2351 (xix) **Undercover operations equipment.** Purchases  
2352 of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be  
2353 used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided  
2354 that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations  
2355 established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

2356 (xx) **Junior college books for rent.** Purchases by  
2357 community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for  
2358 the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book  
2359 service system.

2360 (xxi) **Certain school district purchases.**  
2361 Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors  
2362 with which any levying authority of the school district, as  
2363 defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive  
2364 bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

2365 (xxii) **Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts.**  
2366 Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid  
2367 waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection  
2368 or disposal.

2369 (xxiii) **Municipal water tank maintenance**  
2370 **contracts.** Professional maintenance program contracts for the  
2371 repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide  
2372 professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage





2373 tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more  
2374 years.

2375                   (xxiv) **Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the**  
2376 **Blind products or services.** Purchases made by state agencies or  
2377 governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured,  
2378 processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the  
2379 Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

2380                   (xxv) **Purchases of state-adopted textbooks.**  
2381 Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

2382                   (xxvi) **Certain purchases under the Mississippi**  
2383 **Major Economic Impact Act.** Contracts entered into pursuant to the  
2384 provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

2385                   (xxvii) **Used heavy or specialized machinery or**  
2386 **equipment for installation of soil and water conservation**  
2387 **practices purchased at auction.** Used heavy or specialized  
2388 machinery or equipment used for the installation and  
2389 implementation of soil and water conservation practices or  
2390 measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in  
2391 Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State  
2392 Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption  
2393 authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance  
2394 authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include  
2395 the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and  
2396 the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.



2397 (xxviii) **Hospital lease of equipment or services.**  
2398 Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in  
2399 compliance with paragraph (1)(ii).

2400 (xxix) **Purchases made pursuant to qualified**  
2401 **cooperative purchasing agreements.** Purchases made by certified  
2402 purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities  
2403 under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the  
2404 Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any  
2405 municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal  
2406 government, provided that the notification to potential  
2407 contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of  
2408 the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental  
2409 entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the  
2410 cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best  
2411 interest of the governmental entity.

2412 (xxx) **School yearbooks.** Purchases of school  
2413 yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however,  
2414 state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these  
2415 purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi  
2416 Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

2417 (xxxii) **Design-build method of contracting and**  
2418 **certain other contracts.** Contracts entered into under the  
2419 provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.



2420 (xxxii) **Toll roads and bridge construction**  
2421 **projects.** Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section  
2422 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

2423 (xxxiii) **Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221.**  
2424 Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section  
2425 57-1-221.

2426 (xxxiv) **Certain transfers made pursuant to the**  
2427 **provisions of Section 57-105-1(7).** Transfers of public property  
2428 or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related  
2429 to such public property or facilities.

2430 (xxxv) **Certain purchases or transfers entered into**  
2431 **with local electrical power associations.** Contracts or agreements  
2432 entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

2433 (xxxvi) **Certain purchases by an academic medical**  
2434 **center or health sciences school.** Purchases by an academic  
2435 medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section  
2436 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and  
2437 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other  
2438 conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of  
2439 disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and  
2440 radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food  
2441 and Drug Administration.

2442 (xxxvii) **Certain purchases made under the Alyce G.**  
2443 **Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.** Contracts made by the Mississippi



2444 Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi  
2445 Lottery Law.

2446 (xxxviii) **Certain purchases made by the Department**  
2447 **of Health and the Department of Revenue.** Purchases made by the  
2448 Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the  
2449 purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the  
2450 Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand  
2451 repealed on June 30, 2026.

2452 (n) **Term contract authorization.** All contracts for the  
2453 purchase of:

2454 (i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities,  
2455 equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to,  
2456 repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than  
2457 sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory  
2458 provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified  
2459 periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a  
2460 period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to  
2461 ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking  
2462 office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the  
2463 contract.

2464 (ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price  
2465 adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor  
2466 based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally  
2467 published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a  
2468 price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of



2469 Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the  
2470 governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and  
2471 contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall  
2472 contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the  
2473 change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public  
2474 construction.

2475           (o) **Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor**  
2476 **penalty.** No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be  
2477 made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this  
2478 section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any  
2479 person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within  
2480 those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value  
2481 of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized  
2482 amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be  
2483 authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not  
2484 required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a  
2485 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred  
2486 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),  
2487 or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or  
2488 both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims  
2489 submitted shall be forfeited.

2490           (p) **Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment**  
2491 **purchase procedure.** When in response to a proper advertisement  
2492 therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric  
2493 utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power



2494 breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum  
2495 product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid  
2496 therefor although the price is not firm.

2497           (q) **Fuel management system bidding procedure.** Any  
2498 governing authority or agency of the state shall, before  
2499 contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or  
2500 fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than  
2501 two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for  
2502 competitive written bids to provide the services and products for  
2503 the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency  
2504 cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain  
2505 bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof  
2506 that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate  
2507 with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include,  
2508 but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and  
2509 letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this  
2510 paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an  
2511 automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as  
2512 management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and  
2513 the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as  
2514 defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities  
2515 and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting  
2516 for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access  
2517 systems under the terms of a state contract established by the  
2518 Office of Purchasing and Travel.



2519 (r) **Solid waste contract proposal procedure.** Before  
2520 entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal,  
2521 contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for  
2522 sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of  
2523 more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing  
2524 authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals  
2525 concerning the specifications for such services which shall be  
2526 advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for  
2527 seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more  
2528 than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any  
2529 request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and  
2530 conditions relating to price, financial responsibility,  
2531 technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as  
2532 are determined by the governing authority or agency to be  
2533 appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the  
2534 governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r)  
2535 shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals.  
2536 After responses to the request for proposals have been duly  
2537 received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most  
2538 qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology  
2539 and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not  
2540 limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts  
2541 with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If  
2542 the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to  
2543 be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals



2544 process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions  
2545 of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five  
2546 thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000)  
2547 population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns  
2548 or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of  
2549 any other county or municipality may contract with the governing  
2550 authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill,  
2551 pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes  
2552 of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste  
2553 collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

2554 (s) **Minority set-aside authorization.** Notwithstanding  
2555 any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or  
2556 governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its  
2557 discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its  
2558 anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities  
2559 from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases  
2560 shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the  
2561 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to  
2562 bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for  
2563 which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest  
2564 and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this  
2565 paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is  
2566 owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or  
2567 permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and  
2568 Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian,





2569 Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following  
2570 definitions:

2571 (i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of  
2572 the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian  
2573 subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

2574 (ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any  
2575 black racial group of Africa.

2576 (iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or  
2577 Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central  
2578 America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

2579 (iv) "Native American" means persons having  
2580 origins in any of the original people of North America, including  
2581 American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

2582 (t) **Construction punch list restriction.** The  
2583 architect, engineer or other representative designated by the  
2584 agency or governing authority that is contracting for public  
2585 construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the  
2586 contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do  
2587 not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial  
2588 completion and one (1) final list immediately before final  
2589 completion and final payment.

2590 (u) **Procurement of construction services by state**  
2591 **institutions of higher learning.** Contracts for privately financed  
2592 construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state  
2593 institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of



2594 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest  
2595 and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the  
2596 offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value  
2597 to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for  
2598 proposals are solicited.

2599           (v) **Insurability of bidders for public construction or**  
2600 **other public contracts.** In any solicitation for bids to perform  
2601 public construction or other public contracts to which this  
2602 section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for  
2603 repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require  
2604 insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million  
2605 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either  
2606 submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount  
2607 or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of  
2608 insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of  
2609 insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business  
2610 days from bid acceptance.

2611           (w) **Purchase authorization clarification.** Nothing in  
2612 this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not  
2613 authorized by law.

2614           (x) **Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up**  
2615 **Act.** (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
2616 enter into nine (9) contracts for the pre-need purchase of labor,  
2617 services, work, materials, equipment, supplies or other personal  
2618 property for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or



2619 monitoring. One (1) contract shall be entered into for each of  
2620 the nine (9) Mississippi Emergency Management Association  
2621 districts:

2622                           1. Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Panola, Quitman,  
2623 Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica and Yalobusha Counties;

2624                           2. Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee,  
2625 Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union  
2626 Counties;

2627                           3. Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Holmes,  
2628 Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Sunflower and Washington Counties;

2629                           4. Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay,  
2630 Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston Counties;

2631                           5. Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena,  
2632 Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo Counties;

2633                           6. Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake,  
2634 Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties and the Mississippi  
2635 Band of Choctaw Indians;

2636                           7. Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson,  
2637 Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties;

2638                           8. Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson  
2639 Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry and Wayne Counties; and

2640                           9. George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl  
2641 River and Stone Counties.

2642           Any such contract shall set forth the manner of awarding such  
2643 a contract, the method of payment, and any other matter deemed



2644 necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such  
2645 contract may be entered into only for a term of one (1) year, with  
2646 an option for an additional one-year extension after the  
2647 conclusion of the first year of the contract, and only after  
2648 having solicited bids or proposals, as appropriate, which shall be  
2649 publicly advertised by posting on a web page maintained by the  
2650 Department of Finance and Administration through submission of  
2651 such advertisement to the Mississippi Procurement Technical  
2652 Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority.  
2653 The bid opening shall not occur until after the submission has  
2654 been posted for at least ten (10) consecutive days. The state's  
2655 share of expenditures for solid waste collection, disposal or  
2656 monitoring under any contract shall be appropriated and paid in  
2657 the manner set forth in the contract and in the same manner as for  
2658 other solid waste collection, disposal, or monitoring expenses of  
2659 the state. Any contract entered into under this paragraph shall  
2660 not be subject to the provisions of Section 17-13-11.

2661 (ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any  
2662 governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits  
2663 and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract  
2664 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a  
2665 disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt  
2666 in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for  
2667 payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid  
2668 waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided.



2669 Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring  
2670 a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract  
2671 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

2672 **[From and after July 1, 2024, this section shall read as**  
2673 **follows:]**

2674 31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall  
2675 purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage  
2676 collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or  
2677 disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for  
2678 public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

2679 (a) **Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00.**

2680 Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five  
2681 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping  
2682 charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting  
2683 competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph

2684 (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing  
2685 authority from establishing procedures which require competitive  
2686 bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

2687 (b) **Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but**

2688 **not over \$75,000.00.** Purchases which involve an expenditure of  
2689 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than  
2690 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight  
2691 and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder  
2692 without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at  
2693 least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any



2694 state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities  
2695 or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may  
2696 authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the  
2697 lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
2698 (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities  
2699 pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent,  
2700 or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than  
2701 counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to  
2702 counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid.  
2703 Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing  
2704 authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of  
2705 the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing  
2706 authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase  
2707 clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing  
2708 authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may  
2709 be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent  
2710 or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of  
2711 law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing  
2712 authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid  
2713 submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or  
2714 governing authority and signed by authorized personnel  
2715 representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's  
2716 letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized  
2717 personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that  
2718 the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the



2719 needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of  
2720 other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in  
2721 excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down  
2722 by components to provide detail of component description and  
2723 pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids  
2724 and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be  
2725 submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally  
2726 accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by  
2727 electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the  
2728 vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing  
2729 authorities.

2730 (c) **Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.**

2731 (i) **Publication requirement.**

2732 1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of  
2733 more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of  
2734 freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best  
2735 bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for  
2736 two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the  
2737 county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority  
2738 is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
2739 projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)  
2740 shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and  
2741 Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to  
2742 programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and  
2743 Reinvestment Act.



2744                   2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary  
2745 method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a  
2746 purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the  
2747 best interest of the state, then that determination must be  
2748 approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing  
2749 entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse  
2750 auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present  
2751 an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement  
2752 Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes  
2753 the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than  
2754 reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the  
2755 other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but  
2756 not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received  
2757 electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other  
2758 method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the  
2759 Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall  
2760 not be used for any public contract for design, construction,  
2761 improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities,  
2762 including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods  
2763 for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public  
2764 Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by  
2765 alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not  
2766 apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning.  
2767 The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the  
2768 primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract





2769 purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a  
2770 purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction  
2771 for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply  
2772 to individual public schools, including public charter schools and  
2773 public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted  
2774 educational supplemental materials and software as a service  
2775 product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a  
2776 purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for  
2777 Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the  
2778 requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

2779                   3. The date as published for the bid opening  
2780 shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last  
2781 published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction  
2782 project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five  
2783 Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in  
2784 less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is  
2785 published and the notice for the purchase of such construction  
2786 shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks.

2787   \* \* \* The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase  
2788 equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be  
2789 received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or  
2790 supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications  
2791 are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on  
2792 file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or  
2793 municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at



2794 the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two  
2795 (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by  
2796 publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some  
2797 newspaper having a general circulation in the county or  
2798 municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that  
2799 the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the  
2800 agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice  
2801 to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the  
2802 Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the  
2803 Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same  
2804 information as that in the published notice. \* \* \* Within one  
2805 (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing  
2806 authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the  
2807 Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award,  
2808 including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief  
2809 summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by  
2810 the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract  
2811 execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the  
2812 designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and  
2813 Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy  
2814 of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for  
2815 linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules  
2816 promulgated by the department. The information provided by the  
2817 agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web  
2818 page \* \* \* until the project is completed \* \* \*.



2819 4. Agencies and governing authorities using  
2820 federal funds for the procurement of any good or service,  
2821 including exempt personal and professional services, must comply  
2822 with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and  
2823 Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Subpart D - Post Federal  
2824 Award Requirements Procurement Standards, in accordance with 2 CFR  
2825 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327.

2826 (ii) **Bidding process amendment procedure.** If all  
2827 plans and/or specifications are published in the notification,  
2828 then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all  
2829 plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification,  
2830 then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid  
2831 opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or  
2832 governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders  
2833 who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all  
2834 such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This  
2835 notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile,  
2836 electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information  
2837 distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued  
2838 within two (2) working days of the time established for the  
2839 receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening  
2840 to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of  
2841 the addendum.

2842 (iii) **Filing requirement.** In all cases involving  
2843 governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or



2844 posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or  
2845 equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board  
2846 of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a  
2847 bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors  
2848 to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and  
2849 such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to  
2850 the bid.

2851 (iv) **Specification restrictions.**

2852 1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding  
2853 shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of  
2854 domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is  
2855 presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the  
2856 board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific  
2857 equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such  
2858 justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a  
2859 governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing  
2860 authority to write specifications to require a specific item of  
2861 equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these  
2862 requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable  
2863 classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such  
2864 relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet  
2865 all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education,  
2866 including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of  
2867 Education.



2868                   2. Specifications for construction projects  
2869 may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture,  
2870 construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are  
2871 instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such  
2872 items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in  
2873 a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the  
2874 agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made  
2875 to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

2876                   (v) **Electronic bids.** Agencies and governing  
2877 authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system  
2878 for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall  
2879 be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to  
2880 submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and  
2881 Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that  
2882 agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and  
2883 governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions  
2884 necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose  
2885 to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring  
2886 competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or  
2887 requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified  
2888 in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies  
2889 or governing authorities that are currently without available high  
2890 speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this  
2891 subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access  
2892 becomes available. Any county having a population of less than



2893 twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of  
2894 this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of  
2895 less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the  
2896 provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this  
2897 subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids  
2898 electronically. When construction bids are submitted  
2899 electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of  
2900 responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not  
2901 exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the  
2902 bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be  
2903 deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with  
2904 the electronic bid submittal.

2905 (d) **Lowest and best bid decision procedure.**

2906 (i) **Decision procedure.** Purchases may be made  
2907 from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and  
2908 best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included.  
2909 Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed  
2910 buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included  
2911 in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state  
2912 agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the  
2913 Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing  
2914 authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually  
2915 submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and  
2916 narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to  
2917 be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the



2918 accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency  
2919 or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not  
2920 included in the specifications.

2921 (ii) **Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing**

2922 **Offices.** In addition to the decision procedure set forth in  
2923 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing  
2924 Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be  
2925 made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the  
2926 best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included.  
2927 Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed  
2928 buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training  
2929 costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited  
2930 to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within  
2931 the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in  
2932 the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize  
2933 Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals  
2934 (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value  
2935 procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with  
2936 regulations established by the Department of Finance and  
2937 Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a  
2938 bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

2939 (iii) **Decision procedure for Mississippi**

2940 **Landmarks.** In addition to the decision procedure set forth in  
2941 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves  
2942 renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or



2943 any other historical building designated for at least five (5)  
2944 years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the  
2945 Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections  
2946 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the  
2947 following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and  
2948 best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be  
2949 determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the  
2950 first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria  
2951 shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in  
2952 historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In  
2953 determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges  
2954 shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids,  
2955 warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant  
2956 provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best  
2957 bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in  
2958 compliance with regulations established by the Department of  
2959 Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a  
2960 bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place  
2961 on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing  
2962 that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best  
2963 bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the  
2964 dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority  
2965 shall accept a bid based on items not included in the  
2966 specifications.





2967 (iv) **Construction project negotiations authority.**

2968 If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%)  
2969 above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or  
2970 renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall  
2971 be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter  
2972 into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

2973 (e) **Lease-purchase authorization.** For the purposes of  
2974 this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture  
2975 and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable  
2976 direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase  
2977 of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase  
2978 under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section  
2979 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing  
2980 authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a  
2981 lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase  
2982 financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a  
2983 third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least  
2984 two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of  
2985 this section, for such financing without advertising for such  
2986 bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or  
2987 after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or,  
2988 where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before  
2989 the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be  
2990 for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall  
2991 maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation



2992 indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of  
2993 such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of  
2994 equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper  
2995 limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the  
2996 Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the  
2997 Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal  
2998 Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December  
2999 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to  
3000 any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase  
3001 agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain  
3002 any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase  
3003 agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5),  
3004 and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause  
3005 substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8).  
3006 Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase  
3007 transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with  
3008 respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same  
3009 information as required to be maintained by the Department of  
3010 Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13).  
3011 However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
3012 permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total  
3013 acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand  
3014 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All  
3015 equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by  
3016 lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase



3017 payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi  
3018 sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any  
3019 lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from  
3020 State of Mississippi income taxation.

3021 (f) **Alternate bid authorization.** When necessary to  
3022 ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the  
3023 timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2)  
3024 alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for  
3025 commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such  
3026 alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot  
3027 deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event,  
3028 purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the  
3029 bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

3030 (g) **Construction contract change authorization.** In the  
3031 event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority  
3032 after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications  
3033 to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the  
3034 purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or  
3035 governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes  
3036 pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the  
3037 circumstances without the necessity of further public bids;  
3038 provided that such change shall be made in a commercially  
3039 reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public  
3040 purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person,  
3041 the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing



3042 authority with respect to any public construction contract shall  
3043 have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing  
3044 authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original  
3045 contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or  
3046 governing authority when any such change or modification is less  
3047 than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or  
3048 governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of  
3049 such emergency changes or modifications.

3050           (h) **Petroleum purchase alternative.** In addition to  
3051 other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any  
3052 agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel  
3053 fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount  
3054 set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or  
3055 governing authority may purchase the commodity after having  
3056 solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids,  
3057 as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2)  
3058 competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply  
3059 with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.  
3060 In the event any agency or governing authority shall have  
3061 advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and  
3062 other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be  
3063 obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and  
3064 directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the  
3065 lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such  
3066 commodities.



3067                   (i) **Road construction petroleum products price**  
3068 **adjustment clause authorization.** Any agency or governing  
3069 authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction,  
3070 maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets,  
3071 may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price  
3072 adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor,  
3073 including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of  
3074 petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or  
3075 execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of  
3076 materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index  
3077 shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi  
3078 Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed,  
3079 upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each  
3080 municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors  
3081 throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based  
3082 on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include  
3083 any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The  
3084 bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and  
3085 methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of  
3086 such petroleum products.

3087                   (j) **State agency emergency purchase procedure.** If the  
3088 governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any  
3089 agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in  
3090 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
3091 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive



3092 bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then  
3093 the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the  
3094 Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement  
3095 explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency,  
3096 which shall include a detailed description of the events leading  
3097 up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the  
3098 purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in  
3099 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified  
3100 copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency  
3101 requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of  
3102 the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal  
3103 Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase  
3104 or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding  
3105 requirements.

3106       If the governing board or the executive head, or his  
3107 designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in  
3108 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
3109 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive  
3110 bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the  
3111 preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in  
3112 this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any  
3113 officer or agent of the agency having general or specific  
3114 authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve  
3115 the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing



3116 from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract  
3117 was made.

3118 Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be  
3119 for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency  
3120 situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the  
3121 purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the  
3122 purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be  
3123 filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any  
3124 contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a  
3125 term of one (1) year.

3126 Purchases under the grant program established under Section  
3127 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school  
3128 districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology  
3129 needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for  
3130 purposes of this paragraph (j).

3131 (k) **Governing authority emergency purchase procedure.**

3132 If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting  
3133 through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in  
3134 regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so  
3135 that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive  
3136 bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing  
3137 authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding  
3138 shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing  
3139 authority having general or special authority therefor in making  
3140 such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor,



3141 and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase  
3142 was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the  
3143 board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair  
3144 contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract,  
3145 including a description of the commodity purchased, the price  
3146 thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the  
3147 board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such  
3148 governing authority. Purchases under the grant program  
3149 established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the  
3150 directive that school districts create a distance learning plan  
3151 and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an  
3152 emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

3153 (1) **Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease**  
3154 **authorization.**

3155 (i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any  
3156 public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for  
3157 the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract  
3158 of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment  
3159 terms do not exceed five (5) years.

3160 (ii) In addition to the authority granted in  
3161 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (1), the commissioners or board  
3162 of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of  
3163 equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for  
3164 the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not  
3165 financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or





3166 services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or  
3167 services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a  
3168 maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a  
3169 cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such  
3170 cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further  
3171 liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the  
3172 lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the  
3173 commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this  
3174 subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set  
3175 forth in this section.

3176 (m) **Exceptions from bidding requirements.** Excepted  
3177 from bid requirements are:

3178 (i) **Purchasing agreements approved by department.**  
3179 Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations  
3180 executed or approved by the Department of Finance and  
3181 Administration.

3182 (ii) **Outside equipment repairs.** Repairs to  
3183 equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the  
3184 private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or  
3185 other such components shall not be included in this exemption when  
3186 replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need  
3187 for such total component replacement is known before disassembly  
3188 of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment,  
3189 specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name,  
3190 supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor



3191 and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such  
3192 repairs.

3193                   (iii) **In-house equipment repairs.** Purchases of  
3194 parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by  
3195 personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire  
3196 assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be  
3197 included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being  
3198 replaced instead of being repaired.

3199                   (iv) **Raw gravel or dirt.** Raw unprocessed deposits  
3200 of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by  
3201 the purchaser.

3202                   (v) **Governmental equipment auctions.** Motor  
3203 vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or  
3204 authority, another governing authority or state agency of the  
3205 State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency  
3206 of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of  
3207 disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a  
3208 governing authority under the exemption authorized by this  
3209 subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon  
3210 the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of  
3211 the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid  
3212 authorized to be paid for each item or items.

3213                   (vi) **Intergovernmental sales and transfers.**  
3214 Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or  
3215 state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are



3216 made by a private treaty agreement or through means of  
3217 negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another  
3218 governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi,  
3219 or any state agency or governing authority of another state.  
3220 Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public  
3221 auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this  
3222 paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow  
3223 governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities  
3224 from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by  
3225 both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at  
3226 prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the  
3227 selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is  
3228 in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing  
3229 authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any  
3230 justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain  
3231 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior  
3232 to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

3233 (vii) **Perishable supplies or food.** Perishable  
3234 supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals,  
3235 the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding  
3236 of county or municipal prisoners.

3237 (viii) **Single-source items.** Noncompetitive items  
3238 available from one (1) source only. In connection with the  
3239 purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1)  
3240 source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances



3241 requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the  
3242 Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing  
3243 authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt  
3244 of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration  
3245 or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may,  
3246 in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted  
3247 on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter.  
3248 In those situations, a governing authority is not required to  
3249 obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and  
3250 Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the  
3251 state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of  
3252 Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase,  
3253 including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase  
3254 price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

3255 (ix) **Waste disposal facility construction**  
3256 **contracts.** Construction of incinerators and other facilities for  
3257 disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated  
3258 therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials  
3259 for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however,  
3260 in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency  
3261 shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the  
3262 same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public  
3263 construction projects, concerning the design, construction,  
3264 ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities,  
3265 wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain



3266 terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility,  
3267 technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities  
3268 and such other matters as are determined by the governing  
3269 authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after  
3270 responses to the request for proposals have been duly received,  
3271 the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified  
3272 proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other  
3273 relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the  
3274 terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of  
3275 the persons or firms submitting proposals.

3276                   (x) **Hospital group purchase contracts.** Supplies,  
3277 commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group  
3278 purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

3279                   (xi) **Information technology products.** Purchases  
3280 of information technology products made by governing authorities  
3281 under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed  
3282 or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information  
3283 Technology Services and designated for use by governing  
3284 authorities.

3285                   (xii) **Energy efficiency services and equipment.**  
3286 Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school  
3287 districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher  
3288 learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental  
3289 entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis  
3290 pursuant to Section 31-7-14.



3291 (xiii) **Municipal electrical utility system fuel.**  
3292 Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric  
3293 power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal  
3294 and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

3295 (xiv) **Library books and other reference materials.**  
3296 Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals;  
3297 processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides;  
3298 recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items  
3299 as would be used for teaching, research or other information  
3300 distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders,  
3301 audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt  
3302 under this subparagraph.

3303 (xv) **Unmarked vehicles.** Purchases of unmarked  
3304 vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with  
3305 purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and  
3306 Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

3307 (xvi) **Election ballots.** Purchases of ballots  
3308 printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

3309 (xvii) **Multichannel interactive video systems.**  
3310 From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority  
3311 for Educational Television with any private educational  
3312 institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are  
3313 educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or  
3314 lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of



3315 personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems  
3316 (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

3317 (xviii) **Purchases of prison industry products by**  
3318 **the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or**  
3319 **privately owned prisons.** Purchases made by the Mississippi  
3320 Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or  
3321 privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured,  
3322 processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

3323 (xix) **Undercover operations equipment.** Purchases  
3324 of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be  
3325 used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided  
3326 that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations  
3327 established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

3328 (xx) **Junior college books for rent.** Purchases by  
3329 community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for  
3330 the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book  
3331 service system.

3332 (xxi) **Certain school district purchases.**  
3333 Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors  
3334 with which any levying authority of the school district, as  
3335 defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive  
3336 bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

3337 (xxii) **Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts.**  
3338 Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid



3339 waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection  
3340 or disposal.

3341 (xxiii) **Municipal water tank maintenance**  
3342 **contracts.** Professional maintenance program contracts for the  
3343 repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide  
3344 professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage  
3345 tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more  
3346 years.

3347 (xxiv) **Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the**  
3348 **Blind products or services.** Purchases made by state agencies or  
3349 governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured,  
3350 processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the  
3351 Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

3352 (xxv) **Purchases of state-adopted textbooks.**  
3353 Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

3354 (xxvi) **Certain purchases under the Mississippi**  
3355 **Major Economic Impact Act.** Contracts entered into pursuant to the  
3356 provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

3357 (xxvii) **Used heavy or specialized machinery or**  
3358 **equipment for installation of soil and water conservation**  
3359 **practices purchased at auction.** Used heavy or specialized  
3360 machinery or equipment used for the installation and  
3361 implementation of soil and water conservation practices or  
3362 measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in  
3363 Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State





3364 Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption  
3365 authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance  
3366 authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include  
3367 the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and  
3368 the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

3369 (xxviii) **Hospital lease of equipment or services.**  
3370 Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in  
3371 compliance with paragraph (1)(ii).

3372 (xxix) **Purchases made pursuant to qualified**  
3373 **cooperative purchasing agreements.** Purchases made by certified  
3374 purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities  
3375 under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the  
3376 Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any  
3377 municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal  
3378 government, provided that the notification to potential  
3379 contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of  
3380 the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental  
3381 entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the  
3382 cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best  
3383 interest of the governmental entity.

3384 (xxx) **School yearbooks.** Purchases of school  
3385 yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however,  
3386 state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these  
3387 purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi  
3388 Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.



3389 (xxxii) **Design-build method of contracting and**  
3390 **certain other contracts.** Contracts entered into under the  
3391 provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

3392 (xxxiii) **Toll roads and bridge construction**  
3393 **projects.** Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section  
3394 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

3395 (xxxiiii) **Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221.**  
3396 Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section  
3397 57-1-221.

3398 (xxxv) **Certain transfers made pursuant to the**  
3399 **provisions of Section 57-105-1(7).** Transfers of public property  
3400 or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related  
3401 to such public property or facilities.

3402 (xxxvi) **Certain purchases or transfers entered into**  
3403 **with local electrical power associations.** Contracts or agreements  
3404 entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

3405 (xxxvii) **Certain purchases by an academic medical**  
3406 **center or health sciences school.** Purchases by an academic  
3407 medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section  
3408 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and  
3409 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other  
3410 conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of  
3411 disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and  
3412 radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food  
3413 and Drug Administration.



3414 (xxxvii) **Certain purchases made under the Alyce G.**  
3415 **Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.** Contracts made by the Mississippi  
3416 Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi  
3417 Lottery Law.

3418 (xxxviii) **Certain purchases made by the Department**  
3419 **of Health and the Department of Revenue.** Purchases made by the  
3420 Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the  
3421 purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the  
3422 Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand  
3423 repealed on June 30, 2026.

3424 (xxxix) **Purchases made by state agencies related**  
3425 **to museum exhibits.** Purchases made by an agency related to the  
3426 fabrication, construction, installation or refurbishing of museum  
3427 exhibits. An agency making a purchase under this exemption in  
3428 excess of the bid threshold set forth in 31-7-13(c) shall publicly  
3429 advertise a Request for Qualifications or Request for Proposals in  
3430 which price as an evaluation factor is at least twenty percent  
3431 (20%) out of the one hundred percent (100%) total weight, but  
3432 shall be otherwise exempt. Any contract arising from a purchase  
3433 using this exemption must be approved by the Public Procurement  
3434 Review Board prior to execution by the agency. The agency shall  
3435 submit a written report on December 1 of each year to the Chairs  
3436 of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of  
3437 the Senate and House Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency  
3438 Committees and the Chair of the Public Procurement Review Board,



3439 identifying all purchases made by the agency using this exemption  
3440 in which the cost of the option selected by the agency was more  
3441 than twenty-five percent (25%) higher than the lowest cost option  
3442 available.

3443 (n) **Term contract authorization.** All contracts for the  
3444 purchase of:

3445 (i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities,  
3446 equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to,  
3447 repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than  
3448 sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory  
3449 provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified  
3450 periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a  
3451 period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to  
3452 ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking  
3453 office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the  
3454 contract.

3455 (ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price  
3456 adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor  
3457 based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally  
3458 published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a  
3459 price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of  
3460 Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the  
3461 governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and  
3462 contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall  
3463 contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the



3464 change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public  
3465 construction.

3466           (o) **Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor**  
3467 **penalty.** No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be  
3468 made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this  
3469 section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any  
3470 person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within  
3471 those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value  
3472 of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized  
3473 amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be  
3474 authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not  
3475 required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a  
3476 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred  
3477 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),  
3478 or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or  
3479 both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims  
3480 submitted shall be forfeited.

3481           (p) **Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment**  
3482 **purchase procedure.** When in response to a proper advertisement  
3483 therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric  
3484 utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power  
3485 breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum  
3486 product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid  
3487 therefor although the price is not firm.



3488                   (q) **Fuel management system bidding procedure.** Any  
3489 governing authority or agency of the state shall, before  
3490 contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or  
3491 fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than  
3492 two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for  
3493 competitive written bids to provide the services and products for  
3494 the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency  
3495 cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain  
3496 bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof  
3497 that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate  
3498 with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include,  
3499 but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and  
3500 letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this  
3501 paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an  
3502 automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as  
3503 management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and  
3504 the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as  
3505 defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities  
3506 and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting  
3507 for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access  
3508 systems under the terms of a state contract established by the  
3509 Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3510                   (r) **Solid waste contract proposal procedure.** Before  
3511 entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal,  
3512 contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for



3513 sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of  
3514 more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing  
3515 authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals  
3516 concerning the specifications for such services which shall be  
3517 advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for  
3518 seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more  
3519 than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any  
3520 request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and  
3521 conditions relating to price, financial responsibility,  
3522 technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as  
3523 are determined by the governing authority or agency to be  
3524 appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the  
3525 governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r)  
3526 shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals.  
3527 After responses to the request for proposals have been duly  
3528 received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most  
3529 qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology  
3530 and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not  
3531 limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts  
3532 with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If  
3533 the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to  
3534 be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals  
3535 process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions  
3536 of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five  
3537 thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000)



3538 population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns  
3539 or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of  
3540 any other county or municipality may contract with the governing  
3541 authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill,  
3542 pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes  
3543 of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste  
3544 collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

3545           (s) **Minority set-aside authorization.** Notwithstanding  
3546 any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or  
3547 governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its  
3548 discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its  
3549 anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities  
3550 from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases  
3551 shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the  
3552 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to  
3553 bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for  
3554 which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest  
3555 and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this  
3556 paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is  
3557 owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or  
3558 permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and  
3559 Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian,  
3560 Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following  
3561 definitions:





3562 (i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of  
3563 the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian  
3564 subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

3565 (ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any  
3566 black racial group of Africa.

3567 (iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or  
3568 Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central  
3569 America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

3570 (iv) "Native American" means persons having  
3571 origins in any of the original people of North America, including  
3572 American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

3573 (t) **Construction punch list restriction.** The  
3574 architect, engineer or other representative designated by the  
3575 agency or governing authority that is contracting for public  
3576 construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the  
3577 contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do  
3578 not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial  
3579 completion and one (1) final list immediately before final  
3580 completion and final payment.

3581 (u) **Procurement of construction services by state**  
3582 **institutions of higher learning.** Contracts for privately financed  
3583 construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state  
3584 institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of  
3585 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest  
3586 and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the



3587 offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value  
3588 to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for  
3589 proposals are solicited.

3590 (v) **Insurability of bidders for public construction or**  
3591 **other public contracts.** In any solicitation for bids to perform  
3592 public construction or other public contracts to which this  
3593 section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for  
3594 repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require  
3595 insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million  
3596 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either  
3597 submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount  
3598 or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of  
3599 insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of  
3600 insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business  
3601 days from bid acceptance.

3602 (w) **Purchase authorization clarification.** Nothing in  
3603 this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not  
3604 authorized by law.

3605 (x) **Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up**  
3606 **Act.** (i) \* \* \* The Department of Finance and Administration  
3607 shall develop and implement a process that creates a preferred  
3608 vendor list for both disaster debris removal and monitoring.

3609 (ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any  
3610 governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits  
3611 and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract



3612 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a  
3613 disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt  
3614 in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for  
3615 payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid  
3616 waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided.  
3617 Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring  
3618 a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract  
3619 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

3620           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
3621 and after its passage.

