MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Local and Private Legislation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1728

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HINDS COUNTY, 1 2 MISSISSIPPI, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT OR LEASE PURCHASE 3 ARRANGEMENT FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE 4 OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT OR EQUIP A LAW 5 ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY OR JAIL FACILITY; TO 6 PROVIDE THAT SUCH AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT 7 LIMITED TO, MAKING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH AND A PART OF SUCH FACILITY; AND 8 9 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following terms shall

12 have the following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly

13 indicated by the context in which they are used:

(a) "County" means Hinds County, Mississippi.

15 (b) "Governing authority" means the board of

16 supervisors of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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(c) "Project" means the acquisition, maintenance,

18 construction or equipping of a public building or buildings and

19 related facilities for use as a law enforcement and public safety

20 facility or jail facility including, but not limited to, the

21 infrastructure improvements and access road improvements in

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22 connection with and a part of such project under Chapter 8, Title 23 31, Section 1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended from time to time to be located within Hinds County, Mississippi. 24 25 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of providing funds to 26 acquire, maintain, construct or equip a public building or 27 buildings and related facilities for use as a law enforcement and public safety facility or jail facility including, but not limited 28 29 to, making infrastructure improvements and access road 30 improvements in connection with and a part of the project, the governing authority, is authorized and empowered, in its 31 32 discretion, to enter into a binding lease agreement, lease purchase agreement and ground lease related to such project for a 33 34 term not to exceed thirty (30) years under which the county may agree to lease the project for use by the lessor. 35

36 SECTION 3. This act shall be deemed to be full and complete 37 authority for the exercise of the powers granted under this act 38 and shall not be in derogation of any existing law of this state, 39 but shall be considered additional, supplemental and alternative 40 to any other authority granted by law.

41 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 42 and after its passage.

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