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To: Appropriations B;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1776

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE
3 FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
10\$ 11,663,588.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and
14 History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
15 otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of
16 defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
18\$ 12,938,358.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 this act, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent: 151

23 Time-Limited: 6

24 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
25 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
26 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
27 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
28 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
29 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
30 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
31 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
32 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
33 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to
34 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
35 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
36 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
37 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
38 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
39 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
40 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
41 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
42 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
43 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,



44 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
45 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board
46 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
47 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board
48 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
49 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
50 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the
51 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
52 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
53 Board.

54 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
55 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
56 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
57 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
58 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
59 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
60 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
61 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
62 essential for the agency.

63 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
64 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
65 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
66 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
67 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
68 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written



69 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
70 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
71 appropriated level.

72 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
73 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
74 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
75 withdrawn and no longer available.

76 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
77 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
78 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
79 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

80 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
81 Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete
82 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
83 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
84 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
85 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
86 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
87 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
88 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
89 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

90 **SECTION 5.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
91 Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the
92 maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with
93 the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these



94 charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the
95 State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of
96 Archives and History.

97 **SECTION 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no part
98 of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for
99 the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State
100 Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

101 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million
102 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives
103 and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund in accordance
104 with Section 39-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to help support
105 the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

106 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
107 this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided
108 for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir
109 Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of
110 the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the
111 Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds
112 available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by
113 the Department of Archives and History.

114 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
115 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
116 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
117 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
118 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



119 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
120 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
121 made without competitive bids.

122 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein
123 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
124 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
125 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and
126 History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History
127 Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
128 June 30, 2025.....\$ 45,748.00.

129 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
130 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
131 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
132 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
133 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
134 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
135 actions contrary to this provision.

136 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven
137 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from
138 Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State
139 Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code
140 of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and
141 renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's
142 Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules



143 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
144 a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

145 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
146 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
147 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and
148 History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
149 General Funds as authorized in HB 1612, 2023 Regular Session to
150 provide for Beauvoir, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
151 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 100,000.00.

152 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
153 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
154 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
155 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
156 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
157 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

158 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
159 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
160 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of
161 Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the
162 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1612,
163 2023 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of
164 Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
165 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 12,186,271.00.

166 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
167 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:



168 (a) De la Pointe-Krebs House.....\$ 86,271.00.
 169 (b) Repair, renovation, and construction
 170 projects undertaken by the Department of
 171 Archives and History.....\$ 9,600,000.00.
 172 (c) Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive
 173 Center.....\$ 1,000,000.00.
 174 (d) Eudora Welty Library Project.....\$ 1,500,000.00.

175 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
 176 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
 177 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
 178 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
 179 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
 180 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

181 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following
 182 sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out
 183 of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
 184 Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund, for the purpose of
 185 making grants to nonprofit organizations in accordance with
 186 Section 39-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year
 187 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
 188\$ 2,000,000.00.

189 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, the
 190 following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
 191 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
 192 of the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund, for



193 the purpose of grant assistance to Historic County Courthouses,
194 School Buildings and Other Historic Buildings as in Section
195 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning
196 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 5,000,000.00.

197 **SECTION 17.** The Mississippi Department of Archives and
198 History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
199 contribution from any individual, public, or private organization,
200 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
201 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions
202 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of
203 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
204 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One
205 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

206 **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
207 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
208 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
209 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
210 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
211 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

212 **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
213 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2024.

