

By: Representative Read

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 4127

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
 2 GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
 3 MISSISSIPPI SONGWRITERS' FESTIVAL, INC., D/B/A MISSISSIPPI
 4 SONGWRITERS' ALLIANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
 5 MISSISSIPPI SONGWRITERS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND RECORDING
 6 STUDIO AND TO PROVIDE THE MISSISSIPPI SONGWRITERS' FESTIVAL, INC.,
 7 D/B/A MISSISSIPPI SONGWRITERS ALLIANCE WITH ANNUAL FUNDING UP TO
 8 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND
 9 OPERATIONAL COSTS; AND 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:

14 (a) "City" means the City of Gautier, Mississippi.

15 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and the
16 City Council of the city.

17 (c) "Alliance" means the Mississippi Songwriters'
18 Festival, Inc., d/b/a Mississippi Songwriters Alliance, a
19 nonprofit organization.

20 (d) "Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center and
21 Recording Studio" means a performing arts center and recording



22 studio owned by the City of Gautier, which will be constructed on
23 the former Singing River Mall site.

24 **SECTION 2.** The city, acting through its governing
25 authorities, is authorized and empowered to enter into a contract
26 with the Alliance to manage and operate the Mississippi
27 Songwriters Performing Arts Center and Recording Studio and to pay
28 the Alliance consideration for such services as determined
29 reasonable in the discretion of the governing authorities.

30 **SECTION 3.** The city, in its sole discretion and acting
31 through its governing authorities, is authorized and empowered to
32 provide the Alliance with funding, on an annual basis, in an
33 amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
34 (\$250,000.00) for educational programming and operational costs
35 associated with carrying out the mission and goals of the
36 Alliance.

37 **SECTION 4.** This act shall be deemed to be full and complete
38 authority for the exercise of power granted under this act and
39 shall not be in derogation of any existing law of this state but
40 shall be considered additional, supplemental and alternative to
41 any other authority granted by law.

42 **SECTION 5.** This act shall be repealed from and after July 1,
43 2028.

44 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after its passage.

