

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Branning,
Jackson, Thompson, Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3023

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE
2 WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN
3 SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR 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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
8 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the
9 purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972,
10 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
11 June 30, 2025.....\$ 164,556.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
16 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal
17 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
18\$ 342,584.00.



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

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent: 3

23 Time-Limited: 0

24 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
25 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

26 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
27 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
28 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
29 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

30 **SECTION 4.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
31 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
32 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
33 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
34 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
35 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

36 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
37 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
38 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
42 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
43 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



44 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
45 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
46 made without competitive bids.

47 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
48 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority shall maintain
49 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
50 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
51 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
52 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of
53 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
54 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
55 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
56 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request
57 process.

58 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
59 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
60 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
61 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
62 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
63 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
64 actions contrary to this provision.

65 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
66 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
67 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
68 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



69 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
70 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

71 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
72 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after
73 June 30, 2024.

