

By: Representative Sanford

To: Forestry; Appropriations
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HOUSE BILL NO. 294

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION TO CHARGE STATE AGENCIES OR
3 INSTITUTIONS FOR SERVICES IN MANAGING TIMBER LANDS OF THE AGENCY
4 OR INSTITUTION OR FOR OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION TO
5 THE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-104-203. From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency
10 shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent, audit
11 fee, personnel fee or other charge for services or resources
12 received. The provisions of this section shall not apply (a) to
13 grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or other
14 charges for services between state agencies and the Board of
15 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public
16 university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public
17 community or junior college, and the State Department of
18 Education, nor (b) to charges for services between the Board of
19 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public



20 university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public
21 community or junior college, and the State Department of
22 Education, nor (c) to federal grants, pass-through funds, cost
23 allocation charges, surplus property charges or project fees
24 between state agencies as approved or determined by the State
25 Fiscal Officer, nor (d) telecommunications, data center services,
26 and/or other information technology services that are used on an
27 as-needed basis and those costs shall be passed through to the
28 using agency, nor (e) to federal grants, special funds, or
29 pass-through funds, available for payment by state agencies to the
30 Department of Finance and Administration related to Mississippi
31 Management and Reporting Systems (MMRS) Statewide Application
32 charges and utilities as approved or determined by the State
33 Fiscal Officer, nor (f) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds,
34 project fees or charges for services between the State Department
35 of Health and the State Department of Revenue, and other state
36 agencies or entities, including, but not limited to, the Board of
37 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public
38 university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public
39 community or junior college, and the State Department of
40 Education, for the operation of the medical cannabis program as
41 established by the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, nor (g) to
42 charges between the Department of Human Services and the
43 Department of Child Protection Services for services or resources
44 received by either department from the other, nor (h) to charges



45 by the State Forestry Commission to state agencies or institutions
46 for services in managing timber lands of the agency or institution
47 or for other services provided by the commission to the agency or
48 institution. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
49 Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community
50 College Board, any public community or junior college, and the
51 State Department of Education shall retain the authority to charge
52 and be charged for expenditures that they deemed nonrecurring in
53 nature by the State Fiscal Officer.

54 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2025.

