

## HOUSE BILL NO. 506

1       AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE  
2 KNOWN AS THE "HISTORIC COURTHOUSE FUND"; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND  
3 SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY  
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
5 AND/OR RESTORATION OF HISTORIC COURTHOUSES IN MISSISSIPPI; TO  
6 PROVIDE THAT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE FUND, A COUNTY  
7 MUST PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT  
8 OF THE GRANT; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT GIFTS AND  
9 ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE FUND, AND TO SELL DONATED PROPERTY AND  
10 DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS IN THE FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO  
11 APPROPRIATE, TRANSFER OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR  
12 THE FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE HISTORIC  
13 COURTHOUSE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE  
14 LEGISLATURE, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AS PROVIDED  
15 IN THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

17       SECTION 1. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a  
18 special fund to be known as the "Historic Courthouse Fund." The  
19 Department of Archives and History shall administer the fund for  
20 the purpose of making grants to counties for the maintenance  
21 and/or restoration of historic courthouses in Mississippi, as  
22 determined by the department. In order to receive a grant from  
23 the fund, a county must provide matching funds in the amount of  
24 twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant.

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

