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To: Appropriations D;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1761

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General
14 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular
17 Session of 2026 and providing contingent funds for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
21 matching funds and daily
22 expense allowance of members



23 of the House of Representatives.....\$ 4,819,258.00.

24 For Contingent Fund for the

25 House of Representatives.....\$ 9,271,664.00.

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,

33 matching funds and daily

34 expense allowance of members

35 of the Senate.....\$ 2,140,003.00.

36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$ 6,724,449.00.

37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of

44 Representatives and the Senate.....\$ 1,256,187.00.

45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

46 Budget Committee.....\$ 5,276,724.00.

47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
49 and Expenditure Review.....\$ 2,881,622.00.
50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
51 Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 323,899.00.
52 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
53 Code Committee.....\$ 420,000.00.

54 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall
55 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of
56 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line
57 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and
58 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint
59 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint
60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state
61 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

62 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
63 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
64 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the
65 monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as
66 provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
67 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as
68 follows:

69 For the House of Representatives.....\$ 2,707,022.00.
70 For the Senate.....\$ 1,186,215.00.

71 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
72 necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General



73 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the
74 state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning
75 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 487,620.00.

76 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following
77 distribution shall be made:

78 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 29,077.00.

79 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 376,218.00.

80 National Conference of Commissioners

81 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 43,925.00.

82 The Energy Council.....\$ 38,400.00.

83 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
84 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
85 to the credit of the joint operations of the House of
86 Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the
87 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
88\$ 50,000.00.

89 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for
91 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
96 made without competitive bids.



97 **SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated under the
98 provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any
99 expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the
100 House of Representatives without prior approval of the House
101 Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate
102 without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

103 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the
104 Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the
105 Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their
106 respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi
107 House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

108 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
109 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
110 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
111 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
112 Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the
113 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

114 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
115 and after July 1, 2025.

