

By: Representatives Banks, Bell (65th),
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To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1944

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT
2 AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN
3 PROJECTS RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
5 2026.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Jackson Redevelopment
10 Authority in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to assist in paying
11 costs associated with the purposes described in Section 2 of this
12 act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
13 30, 2026.....\$20,550,000.00

14 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act
15 shall be used by Jackson Redevelopment Authority as follows:

16 (a) Revitalization of disinvested areas and
17 underutilized properties, including:



18 (i) Providing accessible housing and encouraging
 19 new home construction through the Infill Housing Revitalization
 20 Program..... \$2,000,000.00
 21 (ii) Demolition and site preparation of the old
 22 Atmos building to attract new investment..... \$2,200,000.00
 23 (iii) Stabilization and redevelopment of the
 24 historic 214 Farish Street building to preserve cultural
 25 heritage..... \$750,000.00
 26 (b) Safety and security enhancements, including:
 27 (i) Upgrades to Facility II parking
 28 structure..... \$1,200,000.00
 29 (ii) Upgrades to Facility IV parking
 30 structure..... \$5,000,000.00
 31 (iii) Improvements to the Convention Center
 32 surface parking lot to enhance safety and
 33 accessibility..... \$900,000.00
 34 (c) Economic development initiatives, including:
 35 (i) Jackson Rise Fund, to provide flexible loan
 36 financing for high-impact businesses in Downtown
 37 Jackson..... \$4,000,000.00
 38 (ii) Predevelopment funding for the Civic Arena as
 39 part of the Transit-Oriented Development Master
 40 Plan..... \$3,000,000.00



41 (iii) Predevelopment activities on Farish Street
42 to preserve its historic significance and promote economic
43 growth..... \$1,500,000.00
44 TOTAL \$20,550,000.00

45 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
46 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
47 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
48 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue the
49 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
50 officers in the manner provided by law.

51 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2025.

