

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1761

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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, and shall stand repealed from and after  
116    June 30, 2025.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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.

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