

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2227**

**BY: Senator(s) Rhodes**

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

5           **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the  
6 purpose of studying the impact of wind turbine usage in  
7 agriculture. The installation and usage of wind turbines are  
8 potentially have unintended impacts on surrounding properties, the  
9 aquifer, agricultural aviation pilots and migratory birds. It  
10 shall be the duty of this study committee to comprehensively  
11 research these potential issues and report back to the Legislature  
12 with the committee's recommendations and the appropriate  
13 legislation to enact those recommendations into law.



14           (2) The study committee shall be comprised of the following  
15 members:

16                   (a) A representative from the Mississippi Public  
17 Service Commission, or his or her designee;

18                   (b) A representative of the Mississippi Department of  
19 Environmental Quality;

20                   (c) A representative from the Mississippi State  
21 University Agricultural Department;

22                   (d) The President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau  
23 Federation, or his or her designee;

24                   (e) The President of the Mississippi Agricultural  
25 Aviation Association, or his or her designee;

26                   (f) A representative from the Mississippi Department of  
27 Agriculture and Commerce;

28                   (g) The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee,  
29 or his or her designee;

30                   (h) One (1) Governor appointee;

31                   (i) The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, or  
32 his or her designee;

33                   (j) A representative from the Delta Council;

34                   (k) The Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, or his  
35 or her designee;

36                   (l) The Chairman of the House Public Utilities  
37 Committee, or his or her designee;



38 (m) The Chairman of the Senate Wildlife, Fisheries and  
39 Parks Committee, or his or her designee; and

40 (n) The Chairman of the House Wildlife, Fisheries and  
41 Parks Committee, or his or her designee.

42 (3) This study committee shall meet to discuss and provide  
43 recommendations and proposed legislation for the following topics:

44 (a) The setbacks that are necessary to prevent wind  
45 turbines from causing property right infringement issues;

46 (b) The impact wind turbine installation is having on  
47 the aquifer and other nearby water sources;

48 (c) Any potential safety concerns or issues that wind  
49 turbines cause agricultural aviation pilots to experience;

50 (d) Potential endangerment of migratory birds and the  
51 correlation to the disruption of the Mississippi Flyway;

52 (e) Adequate decommissioning funds to be set aside for  
53 wind turbines in the event that they are no longer in use; and

54 (f) Any other information deemed relevant and necessary  
55 to accomplish the tasks assigned in paragraphs (a) through (e) of  
56 this subsection.

57 (4) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within  
58 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first  
59 meeting, the committee shall elect from among its members a  
60 chairman, vice chairman and any other officers determined to be  
61 necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and  
62 keeping records. The study committee shall develop and report its



63 findings and proposed legislation to the Legislature on or before  
64 December 1, 2025.

65 (5) A majority of the members of the study committee shall  
66 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and  
67 reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any  
68 other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of  
69 a majority of the members present shall be required.

70 (6) Members of the Legislature shall be reimbursed in the  
71 same manner as reimbursement for attending out-of-session  
72 committee meetings.

73 (7) The Legislature shall provide any staff and other  
74 support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

75 (8) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
76 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
77 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
78 of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities,  
79 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study  
80 committee to carry out its duties.

81 (9) The study committee shall be dissolved on or before  
82 January 1, 2026.

83 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
84 and after its passage.

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



1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE UNINTENDED  
2 IMPACT OF WIND TURBINE USAGE IN AGRICULTURE; TO DESIGNATE THE  
3 MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

