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To: Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 11

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER  
3 SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any  
7 special source funds which are received by or otherwise become  
8 available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the  
9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal  
10 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
11 .....\$ 23,330,757.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
13 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

15 Permanent: 102

16 Time-Limited: 1

17 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
18 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law. No



19 general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to  
20 replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being  
21 used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and  
22 which are withdrawn and no longer available.

23       **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
24 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete  
25 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
26 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
27 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
28 Year 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
29 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be  
30 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
31 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
32 provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

33       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
34 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
35 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
36 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
37 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
38 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
39 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
40 made without competitive bids.

41       **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except  
42 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which  
43 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,



shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

**SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following condition: the District shall waive traffic control fees for any vehicle displaying a "REZ" tag.

**SECTION 7.** None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following conditions: (1) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open, these events shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority of any and all date options available. (2) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for such events, the district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open. (3) The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be held on the first Sunday in May unless any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open on that date. The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events



69 at the reservoir and given priority for the first Sunday in May.  
70 The district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other  
71 special event fees for the Classic.

72       **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred  
73 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the purpose of  
74 funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

75       **SECTION 9.** Funds are provided herein out of the Ross Barnett  
76 Reservoir Dredging Fund for dredging and other related activities  
77 to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett  
78 Reservoir.

79       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
80 of Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars  
81 (\$400,000.00) is provided for conducting a study on the Spillway  
82 Gates.

83       **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
84 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
85 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Pearl River  
86 Valley Water Supply District for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
87 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill  
88 1786, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
89 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$1,586,024.00.

90       This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing  
91 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

92       a. Waterwood Well.....\$     158,305.00.  
93       b. Dredging.....\$    1,427,719.00.



94           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
95 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
96 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
97 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the  
98 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
99 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

100           **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
101 of Section 1 of this act, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is  
102 provided for the construction of a new office building.

103           **SECTION 13.** The funds herein appropriated shall be expended  
104 in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
105 that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in  
106 excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers,  
107 either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held  
108 responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

109           **SECTION 14.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall  
110 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer  
111 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with  
112 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

113           **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
114 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
115 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
116 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
117 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
118 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



119           **SECTION 16.**   This act shall take effect and be in force from  
120   and after July 1, 2025.

