

By: Representatives Mims,
Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner,
Hood, McKnight, Read, Rushing,
Watson

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

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.....\$ 4,824,382.00.
24 For Contingent Fund for the
25 House of Representatives.....\$ 10,123,554.00.
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.....\$ 2,142,187.00.
36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$ 6,726,213.00.
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.....\$ 1,256,523.00.
45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
46 Budget Committee.....\$ 5,278,110.00.
47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
49 and Expenditure Review.....\$ 2,882,504.00.
50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
51 Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 323,941.00.
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.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
90 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
91 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
92 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
93 determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying
94 the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the
95 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
96\$ 2,400,000.00.



(a) For the purchase of computer source code upon completion of software upgrade.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

(b) For the purchase of computer equipment, software, and audio/visual equipment for the Legislative Budget Office.....\$ 400,000.00.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, for the purpose outlined in Section 7-7-216, Mississippi Code of 1972, and other contractual obligations of the committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the House of Representatives for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 500,000.00.

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

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this



section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 15,000.00.

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

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 500,000.00.



171 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
172 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
173 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
174 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
175 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
176 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

177 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
178 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
179 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative
180 Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
181 of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular
182 Session, to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year
183 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
184\$ 2,838,800.00.

185 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
186 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
187 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
188 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
189 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
190 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

191 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
192 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
193 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative
194 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the
195 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds,



196 as authorized in HB 1817, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal
197 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
198\$ 100,000.00.

199 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
200 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
201 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
202 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
203 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
204 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

205 **SECTION 14.** In addition to all other sums herein
206 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
207 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
208 General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the
209 Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Joint
210 Legislative Code Committee for the period beginning July 1, 2024,
211 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 4,271.00.

212 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
213 operational expenses.

214 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
215 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for
216 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
217 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
218 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
219 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the House of Representatives without prior approval of the House Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

SECTION 17. Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025, with the exception of Section 14 which shall take effect and be in force from and after passage of this act.

