To: Ways and Means

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> HOUSE BILL NO. 1004 (As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 1 2 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000.00 FOR 3 THE PURPOSE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY 4 COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING 5 б CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH LIBRARIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE 7 AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000.00 TO FUND SUCH GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR 8 9 RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 11 SECTION 1. As used in Sections 1 through 19 of this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the 12 context clearly requires otherwise: 13

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date 14 15 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated 16 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon 17 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, 18 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the 19 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity. 20

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

"Commission" means the State Bond Commission. (C)

23 SECTION 2. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the "1999 Library Commission Capital Improvements Fund" is created 24 25 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 26 from the General Fund of the state and investment earnings on 27 amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. 28

29 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, 30 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, 31 to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair 32 of existing facilities, furniture, equipment and/or technology for 33 facilities as hereinafter described:

Mississippi Library Commission..... \$12,500,000.00. Construct on state-owned or donated land a new facility to house the Mississippi Library Commission.

Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be 37 (2) 38 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified, by 39 resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in subsection 40 41 (1) shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed 42 in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund 43 shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under Sections 1 through 19 of this act, in accordance with the 44 45 proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed 46 by the commission.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting 47 48 through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property 49 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and 50 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. 51 The 52 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be 53 under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State 54 55 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants 56 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration or his designee. 57 SECTION 3. (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to 58 59 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of 60 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes 61 62 described in Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a

63 resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, 64 declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the 65 Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified 66 67 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may 68 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, 69 advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so 70 71 authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary 72 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such The total amount of bonds issued under Sections 1 through 73 bonds. 19 of this act shall not exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred 74 75 Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00).

76 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the 77 special fund created in Section 2 of this act shall be used to pay 78 debt service on bonds issued under Sections 1 through 19 of this 79 act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of 80 such bonds.

81 SECTION 4. The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under Sections 1 through 19 of this act shall be 82 83 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, 84 85 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable 86 87 at such place or places within or without the State of 88 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to 89 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable 90 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and 91 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by 92 93 resolution of the commission.

94 SECTION 5. The bonds authorized by Sections 1 through 19 of 95 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by

96 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the 97 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such 98 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such 99 100 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the 101 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers 102 103 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have 104 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of 105 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as 106 107 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in 108 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding 109 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as 110 111 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 6. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of Sections 1 through 19 of this act have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by Sections 1 through 19 of this act, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

119 SECTION 7. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under Sections 1 through 19 of this act, 120 121 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, 122 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all 123 124 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 125 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 126 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 1 through 19 127 128 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.

129 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best 130 131 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of 132 133 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on 134 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually; however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not 135 136 more than one (1) year.

Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of Sections 1 through 19 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

149 SECTION 8. The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 150 1 through 19 of this act are general obligations of the State of 151 Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit 152 of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the 153 154 principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any 155 156 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such 157 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this section. 158

159 SECTION 9. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the 160 provisions of Sections 1 through 19 of this act, the commission 161 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the

162 special fund created in Section 2 of this act. The proceeds of 163 such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the 164 Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, 165 if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the 166 issuance of the bonds.

SECTION 10. The bonds authorized under Sections 1 through 19 167 168 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the 169 happening of any other conditions or things other than those 170 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required 171 by Sections 1 through 19 of this act. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 1 172 173 through 19 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its 174 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority 175 176 of its members.

177 SECTION 11. The bonds authorized under the authority of 178 Sections 1 through 19 of this act may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, 179 180 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of 181 182 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to 183 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a 184 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of 185 Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 12. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions 186 187 of Sections 1 through 19 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by 188 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce 189 190 any and all rights granted under Sections 1 through 19 of this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 191 192 performance of all duties required by Sections 1 through 19 of 193 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of 194 bonds and interest thereon.

195 SECTION 13. All bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 1 through 19 of this act shall be legal investments for 196 197 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the 198 199 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public 200 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and 201 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of 202 203 public funds.

204 SECTION 14. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 1 205 through 19 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from 206 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

207 SECTION 15. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections 208 1 through 19 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes 209 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and 210 sale of such bonds.

211 SECTION 16. The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance 212 213 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 214 215 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 216 217 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 1 through 19 of 218 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds 219 220 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on 221 the due dates thereof.

SECTION 17. Sections 1 through 19 of this act shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but Sections 1 through 19 of this act shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

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SECTION 18. Any state agency occupying space in the facility

228 described in Section 2(1) of this act shall pay to the Bureau of Capitol Facilities rental payments, the amount of which shall be 229 230 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, which payments are pledged to retire any bonds or notes issued pursuant 231 232 to Sections 1 through 19 of this act as well as debt service costs during construction incurred by the General Fund. The amount of 233 234 rent required to be paid under this section while bonds or notes 235 are outstanding shall not be less than an amount which will 236 generate in the aggregate from all properties occupied pursuant to 237 Sections 1 through 19 of this act funds adequate to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds or notes issued pursuant to 238 239 Sections 1 through 19 of this act as they become due as well as paying those debt costs incurred by the General Fund before 240 occupancy. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are 241 242 insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as 243 they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State 244 Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise 245 appropriated.

246 SECTION 19. After the retirement of all bonds or notes 247 issued to construct or renovate the facility described in Section 248 2(1) of this act, the supervision of such property shall remain 249 that of the Bureau of Capitol Facilities of the Department of Finance and Administration. Such bureau shall establish the 250 251 amount of rental payments. All rental payments shall be made to the bureau and the bureau shall deposit such payments into the 252 253 State General Fund.

254 SECTION 20. As used in Sections 20 through 36 of this act, 255 the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless 256 the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

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(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

265 (C) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission. A special fund, to be designated as 266 SECTION 21. (1) (a) 267 the "1999 Public Libraries Capital Improvements Fund" is created 268 within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart 269 270 from the General Fund of the state and investment earnings on 271 amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
in the discretion of the Mississippi Library Commission, to
provide grants to public libraries to pay the costs of capital
improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities,
furniture, equipment and or technology for facilities.

277 Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be (2) 278 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) 279 of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in subsection 280 281 (1) shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed 282 in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund 283 shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under 284 Sections 20 through 36 of this act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed 285 286 by the commission.

The Mississippi Library Commission is expressly 287 (3) 288 authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other 289 source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided 290 for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the 291 special fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Library Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State 292 293 Treasurer upon warrants issued by Mississippi Library Commission,

which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Library Commission or his designee.

297 (4) (a) The Mississippi Library Commission shall adopt 298 necessary rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program described in subsection (1) of this section, 299 300 including, but not limited to, rules and regulations governing 301 applications for grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of grant funds. The Mississippi Library 302 303 Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Mississippi 304 Administrative Procedures Law.

(b) Libraries eligible for grant funds under the 305 program described in subsection (1) of this section shall include, 306 307 but not be limited to, the following: Benton County Library 308 System, Blackmur Public Library (Yalobusha County), Bolivar County 309 Library System, Carnegie Public Library of Clarksdale and Coahoma 310 County, Carroll County Library System, Central Mississippi Regional Library System (Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith 311 312 Counties), Columbus-Lowndes Public Library, Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library, Dixie Regional Library System (Calhoun, 313 314 Chickasaw, and Pontotoc Counties), East Mississippi Regional 315 Library System (Clarke and Jasper Counties), Elizabeth Jones 316 Library (Grenada County), First Regional Library System (DeSoto, 317 Lafayette, Panola, Tate, and Tunica Counties), Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, Hancock County Library System, Harriette Person 318 319 Memorial Library (Claiborne County), Harrison County Library System, The Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forrest County, 320 321 Homochitto Valley Library Service (Adams and Wilkinson Counties), 322 Humphreys County Library, Jackson-George Regional Library System, Jackson/Hinds Library System, Kemper-Newton Regional Library 323 324 System, Lamar County Library System, Laurel-Jones County Library 325 System, Lee-Itawamba County Library System,

326 Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library System, Long Beach

327 Public Library (Harrison County), Madison County Library System, Marks-Quitman County Library, Marshall County Library, 328 329 Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library, Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System (Attala, Holmes, Leake, Montgomery and 330 331 Winston Counties), Neshoba County Public Library, Northeast Regional Library System (Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, and Tishomingo 332 Counties), Noxubee County Library, Pearl River County Library 333 System, Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System, Pine Forest Regional 334 335 Library System (Covington, Greene, Perry, and Stone Counties), 336 South Delta Library Services (Issaquena, Sharkey, and Yazoo Counties), South Mississippi Regional Library System (Jefferson 337 338 Davis and Marion Counties), Starkville-Oktibbeha County Library, Sunflower County Library, Tallahatchie County Library, Tombigbee 339 340 Regional Library System (Choctaw, Clay, Monroe, and Webster 341 Counties), Union County Library System - Jennie Stephens Smith 342 Library, Warren County-Vicksburg Public Library, Washington County 343 Library, Wayne County Library, and Yalobusha County Public Library. The Mississippi Library Commission may designate other 344 345 public libraries as eligible for grant funds under the program 346 described in subsection (1) of this section.

347 SECTION 22. (1) The Mississippi Library Commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the 348 349 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of 350 Mississippi to provide funds for the grant program authorized in Section 21 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the 351 352 Mississippi Library Commission, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds 353 354 authorized by this section, the Mississippi Library Commission 355 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, 356 357 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell 358 359 the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things

360 necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale 361 of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under Sections 20 362 through 36 of this act shall not exceed Twelve Million Five 363 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00).

364 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the 365 special fund created in Section 21 of this act shall be used to 366 pay debt service on bonds issued under Sections 20 through 36 of 367 this act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance 368 of such bonds.

369 SECTION 23. The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under Sections 20 through 36 of this act shall be 370 371 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall 372 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set 373 374 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable 375 at such place or places within or without the State of 376 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable 377 378 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or 379 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and 380 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by 381 resolution of the commission.

382 SECTION 24. The bonds authorized by Sections 20 through 36 383 of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the 384 385 commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to 386 such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such 387 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the 388 389 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the 390 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have 391 392 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of

393 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be 394 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as 395 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in 396 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in 397 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding 398 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as 399 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 25. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of Sections 20 through 36 of this act have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by Sections 20 through 36 of this act, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

407 SECTION 26. The commission shall act as the issuing agent 408 for the bonds authorized under Section s 20 through 36 of this 409 act, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept 410 bids, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all 411 fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and 412 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the 413 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and 414 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance 415 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 20 through 36 416 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. 417 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public 418 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be 419 420 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of 421 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on 422 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually; 423 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not 424 more than one (1) year.

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Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at

426 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of 427 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers 428 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, 429 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial 430 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the 431 commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of Sections 20 through 36 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

437 SECTION 27. The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 20 through 36 of this act are general obligations of the 438 State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith 439 440 and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. Ιf 441 the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay 442 the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from 443 444 any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All 445 such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially 446 covering the provisions of this section.

447 SECTION 28. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of Sections 20 through 36 of this act, the commission 448 449 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the 450 special fund created in Section 21 of this act. The proceeds of 451 such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the 452 Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, 453 if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the 454 issuance of the bonds.

455 SECTION 29. The bonds authorized under Sections 20 through 456 36 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the 457 happening of any other conditions or things other than those 458 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required

459 by Sections 20 through 36 of this act. Any resolution providing 460 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 20 461 through 36 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its 462 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted 463 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority 464 of its members.

465 SECTION 30. The bonds authorized under the authority of 466 Sections 20 through 36 of this act may be validated in the 467 Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, 468 Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided 469 by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 470 validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. 471 The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation 472 473 in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

474 SECTION 31. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions 475 of Sections 20 through 36 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by 476 477 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under Sections 20 through 36 of this 478 479 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel 480 performance of all duties required by Sections 20 through 36 of 481 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of 482 bonds and interest thereon.

483 SECTION 32. All bonds issued under the provisions of 484 Sections 20 through 36 of this act shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust 485 486 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the 487 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities 488 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public 489 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and 490 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of 491 public funds.

492 SECTION 33. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 20 493 through 36 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from 494 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

495 SECTION 34. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections 496 20 through 36 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes 497 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and 498 sale of such bonds.

499 SECTION 35. The State Treasurer is authorized, without 500 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance 501 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department 502 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue 503 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due 504 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the 505 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 20 through 36 506 of this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary 507 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds 508 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof. 509

510 SECTION 36. Sections 20 through 36 of this act shall be 511 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the 512 powers therein granted, but Sections 20 through 36 of this act 513 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any 514 existing law of this state.

515 SECTION 37. This act shall take effect and be in force from 516 and after its passage.