

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3251  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COAHOMA  
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A  
3 FREIGHT HANDLING FACILITY TO RECEIVE RAW MANUFACTURING FACILITIES  
4 BY TRUCK OR RAIL; TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE COMPLETION OF SUCH  
5 FACILITY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COAHOMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,  
6 MAY LEASE SUCH FACILITY TO CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI, UNDER SUCH  
7 TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND PROPER; TO  
8 PROVIDE THAT AFTER SUCH PROPERTY HAS BEEN LEASED TO THE CITY OF  
9 CLARKSDALE, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY MAY SUBLEASE THE  
10 FACILITY TO A MANUFACTURER UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT  
11 CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND PROPER; TO AUTHORIZE THE CLARKSDALE PUBLIC  
12 UTILITIES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY AT A SPECIAL RATE TO  
13 ANY MANUFACTURER OPERATING THE FREIGHT HANDLING FACILITY  
14 AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
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17 SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of Coahoma County,  
18 Mississippi, is authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to  
19 acquire property and construct and equip a freight handling  
20 facility to receive raw manufacturing materials by truck or rail.

21 Such facility may be built by the county using the proceeds from  
22 the Development Infrastructure Program of the Department of  
23 Economic and Community Development, the proceeds of a loan under  
24 the Local Government Freight Rail Service Revolving Loan Fund and,  
25 if necessary, any other available funds of the county.

26 SECTION 2. Upon completion of the construction and equipping  
27 of the freight handling facility authorized in Section 1 of this  
28 act, the Board of Supervisors of Coahoma County may lease such  
29 facility to Clarksdale, Mississippi, under such terms and  
30 conditions as it considers necessary and proper. After such  
31 facility has been leased to the City of Clarksdale, the governing  
32 authorities of the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi, are authorized  
33 and empowered, in their discretion, to sublease such facility to a

34 manufacturer upon such terms and conditions as such governing  
35 authorities consider necessary and proper.

36 SECTION 3. As an inducement to industrial development, the  
37 Clarksdale Public Utilities Commission is authorized and  
38 empowered, in its discretion, to provide electric service at a  
39 special rate to any manufacturer operating the freight handling  
40 facility authorized by this act during the term of any lease of  
41 such facility from the City of Clarksdale by such manufacturer.  
42 Such special electric rate shall not be less than the amount  
43 determined necessary by the Clarksdale Public Service Commission  
44 to recover the actual cost of providing such service.

45 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
46 and after its passage.