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To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 870

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY  
2 IN NEWTON COUNTY AS A PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO  
3 PLACE IT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION  
4 COMMISSION; TO DELETE TWO SEGMENTS OF HIGHWAY IN NEWTON COUNTY  
5 FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO RETURN THEM TO THE  
6 JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF NEWTON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The mileage of highway specifically  
9 designated in subsection (2) of this section is in addition to the  
10 total mileage limitation of eight thousand six hundred (8,600)  
11 miles that is set out in Section 65-3-3.

12 (2) The following highway is designated as a state highway  
13 and is placed under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi  
14 Transportation Commission for construction and maintenance; and  
15 such highway, together with the highways designated in Sections  
16 65-3-3 and 65-3-5, and all other laws adding links to the  
17 designated state highway system, are declared to be the state  
18 highway system of Mississippi:

19 Central District - Newton County:

20 Decatur Street beginning on the north side of the  
21 intersection of Third Street and Decatur Street, and  
22 proceeding northward to the beginning of state  
23 maintenance south of U.S. Highway 80, all within the

24 City of Newton.

25 SECTION 2. The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall  
26 maintain, construct, take over and assume jurisdiction of the  
27 highway designated in Section 1 of this act in the same manner and  
28 upon the same terms and conditions as set out in Sections 65-1-75,  
29 65-3-3, 65-9-1 and 65-9-3. However, the City of Newton shall not  
30 be required to provide to the Mississippi Department of  
31 Transportation any right-of-way with a width any greater than the  
32 width of right-of-way that existed at the time that the highway  
33 segment described in Section 1(2) of this act was returned to the  
34 jurisdiction of the City of Newton.

35 SECTION 3. The following highways are deleted from the state  
36 highway system, removed from the jurisdiction of the Mississippi  
37 Transportation Commission and returned to the jurisdiction of the  
38 governing authorities of the City of Newton:

39 Central District - Newton County:

40 (a) That section of Old Mississippi Highway 15  
41 beginning south of Interstate 20 at the intersection of  
42 Old Mississippi Highway 15 and present Mississippi  
43 Highway 15 and extending southwesterly for approximately  
44 .033 miles, all within the City of Newton; and

45 (b) That section of Old Mississippi Highway 15 located  
46 between U.S. Highway 80 and Decatur Street, all within the  
47 City of Newton.

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