

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 818  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
3 SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND PREPARED ONLY IN THE  
4 EVENT THAT THE MISSISSIPPI SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
5 SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL IS FUNDED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-37-9. (1) Only in the event that the Mississippi  
10 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council is  
11 funded pursuant to appropriation by the Mississippi State  
12 Legislature, the council shall develop and prepare a strategic  
13 plan for the development and implementation of a statewide  
14 scientific information management system. In the event that the  
15 Mississippi State Legislature does not appropriate funds for the  
16 support of the council for fiscal year 2002, any contracts or  
17 instruments executed in connection with such a strategic plan  
18 shall be invalid to the extent that there is no funding for the  
19 effectuation of such contracts or instruments.

20 (2) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with  
21 subsection (1), it shall include, but not be limited to, the  
22 following:

23 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts  
24 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected  
25 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage  
26 that scientific information;

27 (b) An identification of the current costs of  
28 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination

29 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on  
30 costs to state agencies;

31 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and  
32 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad  
33 access to that information;

34 (d) An identification of planned scientific information  
35 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those  
36 planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the  
37 statewide scientific information management system;

38 (e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the  
39 mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific  
40 information management system;

41 (f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and  
42 capabilities of a statewide scientific information management  
43 system;

44 (g) A plan for the development and implementation of a  
45 statewide scientific information management system in a phased  
46 manner;

47 (h) A timeline for the development and implementation  
48 of a statewide scientific information management system;

49 (i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for  
50 development and implementation of the statewide scientific  
51 information management system and a recommended method for funding  
52 the development and implementation of the system; \* \* \*

53 (j) A recommendation of appropriate policies and  
54 standards for use in management of scientific information and for  
55 providing access to that information;

56 (k) An analysis of information accuracy and quality  
57 issues, ease of access issues, training and technical support  
58 issues and interagency coordination issues; and

59 (l) Any other information the coordinating council  
60 deems appropriate.

61           (3) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with  
62 subsection (1), upon its completion, the coordinating council  
63 shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the  
64 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the  
65 Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources  
66 Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairmen of  
67 the House Conservation and Water Resources Committee and the House  
68 Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Budget Office, the  
69 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee and the  
70 Legislative Reference Bureau.

71           (4) The provisions of this section shall be repealed from  
72 and after July 1, 2002.

73           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
74 and after its passage.