

By: Representative Morris

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1467

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-80-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING CENSUS DATA TO DETERMINE  
3 CERTAIN CRITERIA UNDER THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ACT, THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL USE THE OFFICIAL DATA  
5 COMPILED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AS OF AUGUST 30, 2000,  
6 OR THE OFFICIAL 2000 CENSUS, WHICHEVER IS THE MORE RECENT; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 57-80-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 57-80-7. (1) From and after December 31, 2000, and until  
12 December 31, 2005, the following counties may apply to the MDA for  
13 the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity:

14 (a) Any county of this state which has an annualized  
15 unemployment rate that is at least two hundred percent (200%) of  
16 the state's unemployment rate as of December 31 of any year from  
17 2000 through 2005, as determined by the Mississippi Employment  
18 Security Commission's most recently published data;

19 (b) Any county of this state in which thirty percent  
20 (30%) or more of the population of the county is at or below the  
21 federal poverty level according to the \* \* \* official data  
22 compiled by the United States Census Bureau as of August 30, 2000,  
23 or the official 2000 census, whichever is the more recent; or

24 (c) Any county of this state having an eligible  
25 supervisors district.

26 (2) The application, at a minimum, must contain (a) the  
27 Mississippi Employment Security Commission's most recently  
28 published figures that reflect the annualized unemployment rate of

29 the applying county as of December 31 or the most recent official  
30 data by the United States Census Bureau required by subsection (1)  
31 of this section, as the case may be, and (b) an order or  
32 resolution of the county consenting to the designation of the  
33 county as a growth and prosperity county.

34 (3) Any municipality of a designated growth and prosperity  
35 county or within an eligible supervisors district and not more  
36 than eight (8) miles from the boundary of the county that meets  
37 the criteria of subsection (1)(b) of this section may by order or  
38 resolution of the municipality consent to participation in the  
39 Growth and Prosperity Program.

40 (4) No incentive or tax exemption shall be given under this  
41 chapter without the consent of the affected county or  
42 municipality.

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