

By: Senator(s) Stogner

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2277

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT FOR A
3 REGIONAL FACILITY IN WALTHALL COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
8 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
9 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by
10 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and
11 control of not more than two hundred fifty (250) offenders who are
12 in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or
13 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,
14 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
15 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all
16 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
17 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
18 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
19 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
20 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
21 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
22 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
23 Jefferson County.

24 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
25 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state
26 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion * * * County; (b)
27 Walthall County; (c) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (d) Stone



28 and Pearl River Counties; (e) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (f)
29 Kemper and Neshoba Counties; (g) Holmes County and any contiguous
30 county in which there is located an unapproved jail; and (h)
31 Bolivar County and any contiguous county in which there is located
32 an unapproved jail. The Department of Corrections may contract
33 with the boards of supervisors of the following counties to house
34 state inmates in regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any
35 contiguous county; (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene
36 Counties. The Department of Corrections shall decide the order of
37 priority of the counties listed in this subsection with which it
38 will contract for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes
39 of this subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that
40 the local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found
41 to be of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or
42 reconstruction.

43 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after July 1, 2001.

