

By: Senator(s) Stogner

To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2886

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION TO BID FOR SPONSORSHIP
3 FOR MAJOR EVENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 69-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 69-5-3. (1) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall set up
8 rules and regulations consistent with the law governing the
9 distribution of state monies for premiums or awards. It will be
10 the duty of the commission to meet at the call of the chairman, at
11 least twice each year, to approve premium lists or awards, and
12 give out rules governing participants in state premium money in
13 Mississippi. Said commission may invite the presidents of the
14 various district livestock shows before said commission when
15 determining policies affecting district livestock shows.

16 (2) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
17 accept money or funds donated to or to be awarded as prizes under
18 regulations promulgated by the commission.

19 (3) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall have charge of
20 designated state lands and buildings, and have full power and
21 authority in perfecting plans and causing to be held an
22 agricultural and industrial exposition annually, and other events
23 from time to time on said lands and located for the promotion of
24 Mississippi agriculture and industry.

25 (4) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
26 employ an attorney as prescribed in Section 69-1-14.

27 (5) The Mississippi Fair Commission may take any action
28 authorized in Section 1 of Laws 2000, Chapter 306.

29 (6) The Mississippi Fair Commission is authorized to allow a
30 commercial, charitable or governmental entity to use, publish and
31 advertise such entity's name in connection with the state fair,
32 the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and any other activity
33 conducted on the state fairgrounds in return for a monetary
34 consideration paid to the commission. The funds shall be retained
35 by the commission and used for its operating expenses or for
36 capital improvements to the fairgrounds.

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