

By: Representatives Rushing, Mitchell

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO
3 THE SENIOR OLYMPICS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 19-5-93. The board of supervisors of each county is hereby
8 authorized, in its discretion, to donate money for the objects and
9 purposes following, to wit:

10 (a) **Confederate graves.** For the location, marking,
11 care and maintenance of the grave or graves and graveyard of
12 Confederate soldiers or sailors who died in the Confederate
13 service, and the purchase, if necessary, of the land on which any
14 of the said graveyards may be situated, and the erection and
15 maintenance of appropriate monuments and appropriate inscriptions
16 thereon. In the exercise of this power the board is fully
17 authorized to accept donations of land on which any of said
18 graveyards may be situated and also money or funds to be used for
19 any of the purposes in this section expressed.

20 Any board of supervisors may, in its discretion, contribute
21 money to be used for the upkeep of graves of the Confederate dead
22 in its county.

23 (b) **Care of the aged.** For the support and maintenance
24 of such residents of the county who are worthy indigent aged
25 inmates of the Old Ladies' Home of Jackson, Mississippi, or of the
26 Golden Age Nursing Home and Hospital for North Mississippi of
27 Greenwood, Mississippi, and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars



28 (\$500.00) per annum for the support of the county's inmates of the
29 Old Men's Home, located near Jackson, Mississippi, and in addition
30 thereto a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per
31 annum to each of said institutions for their support and
32 maintenance in the care of the aged.

33 (c) **King's Daughters.** To the King's Daughters in their
34 respective counties for charities under their supervision.

35 (d) **Travelers Aid Society.** A sum of money not
36 exceeding Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per month for the support of
37 the organization known as the Travelers Aid Society, provided the
38 same is nonsectarian.

39 (e) **Hospitals for pellagra sufferers.** For the
40 establishment and maintenance of a hospital for the treatment of
41 persons afflicted with pellagra. For this purpose the board may
42 issue bonds and incur such indebtedness within the limits now
43 authorized by law.

44 (f) **Tubercular hospitals.** For the establishment and
45 maintenance of a hospital for the care and treatment of persons
46 suffering from tuberculosis. In the execution of this power the
47 board may select trustees to establish and operate said hospital.
48 In counties having a population of more than forty thousand
49 (40,000) people, as shown by the latest United States census, the
50 board may set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
51 general fund for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance and
52 support of hospitals maintained and operated in such county for
53 the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis.
54 The monies shall be expended by the board through such trustees,
55 not less than three (3) and not more than five (5), to be elected
56 by the board of supervisors annually. The trustees shall file
57 reports with the board at least once every six (6) months showing
58 in detail all expenditures made by them and the number of patients
59 which have been for the preceding period aided or cared for by the



60 institution, and the board may otherwise require a strict
61 accounting of the administration of said funds.

62 (g) **Same -- additional provisions.** The boards of
63 supervisors of one or more counties are hereby authorized and
64 empowered, in their discretion, separately or jointly, to acquire
65 by gift, purchase or lease, real estate, for tubercular hospital
66 purposes, and to own, erect, build, establish, maintain, regulate
67 and support a tubercular hospital and to remodel buildings on such
68 property to be used for such hospital purposes.

69 In the event the boards of supervisors of two (2) or more
70 counties agree to cooperate in establishing and maintaining such
71 hospital, the board of supervisors of each of said counties shall
72 adopt a resolution agreeing to the proportionate part each county
73 will contribute to the establishment and maintaining of such
74 hospital.

75 Each county operating under the provisions of this subsection
76 is hereby authorized and empowered to set aside, appropriate and
77 expend monies from the general fund for the purpose of erecting,
78 maintaining and operating such hospital.

79 (h) **Charity wards in hospitals.** A sum of money not
80 exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month to maintain a
81 charity ward or wards in any hospital in their respective
82 counties, or in the event there shall be no hospital in such
83 county, then a like sum, in their discretion, to maintain a
84 charity ward or wards in any hospital in any adjoining county
85 receiving and treating patients from such county having no
86 hospital.

87 (i) **Same -- coast counties.** The several counties of
88 this state bordering on the tidewater of the Gulf of Mexico are
89 hereby authorized and empowered, in the discretion of the proper
90 authorities thereof, to appropriate such a sum of money as said
91 authorities shall deem reasonable, to provide and maintain a
92 charity ward or wards, in any of the hospitals in said counties,



93 or, in the discretion of said authorities, to make and enter into
94 contracts with any such hospitals for the treatment and care in
95 such hospitals of the indigent sick of said counties, and to pay
96 therefor out of the general fund of such counties such sum or sums
97 as shall be a reasonable and just compensation to said hospital.
98 However, the board of supervisors of any county mentioned herein
99 may, in its discretion, make and enter into contracts with any
100 hospital in any adjoining county receiving and treating patients
101 from the respective counties mentioned herein in such hospitals of
102 the indigent sick of said counties, mentioned herein, and to pay
103 therefor out of the general fund of such county, such sum or sums
104 that shall be reasonable and just to said hospitals.

105 (j) **Public libraries.** A sum not to exceed One Thousand
106 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum toward the support and maintenance
107 of one or more public libraries situated in the county. In any
108 county whose total assessed valuation, including railroads and all
109 public utilities, is more than Eighteen Million Dollars
110 (\$18,000,000.00) the board, in its discretion, may appropriate a
111 sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum for
112 public libraries.

113 The board may also give or donate any legislative journals,
114 constitutional convention journals, printed official reports of
115 any state or county officers, official reports of departments,
116 bureaus or officers of the United States, and copies of the acts
117 of the Legislature or laws of Mississippi now or hereafter in the
118 county library of such county and not needed, in the opinion of
119 the board in the county library (but not including any Mississippi
120 reports and not including any acts of the Legislature or laws of
121 the state, unless such acts or laws be more than twenty (20) years
122 old) to any library or library association or foundation or
123 organization maintaining a free public library for reference or
124 otherwise, provided such library, association, foundation or
125 organization owns free from encumbrance a fireproof library



126 building located in this state, in which building said journals,
127 reports, acts and laws may be and shall be deposited where
128 received under this subsection and made accessible under
129 reasonable regulations to the general public. Such library,
130 association, foundation or organization shall not have the right
131 to sell or otherwise dispose of said journals, reports, acts and
132 laws. Said journals, reports, acts and laws may be returned to
133 the county library from which received without expense to the
134 county, or to the state library, without expense to the state, at
135 any time by the library, association, foundation or organization
136 receiving the same.

137 Any gift or donation made by the board of supervisors of any
138 county under the authority of this subsection shall be evidenced
139 by an order spread upon the minutes of said board. The county
140 shall bear no expense in connection with any donation. The
141 sheriff of the county, or the custodian of the county library,
142 shall deliver to the representative of the library, association,
143 foundation or organization entitled to receive the same any of
144 said journals, reports, acts, laws and official publications in
145 accordance with the directions contained in any order of the board
146 of supervisors for the delivery of the same, and shall take proper
147 receipt from the party receiving the same, and shall deliver such
148 receipt to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county,
149 and the board of supervisors shall have the said receipt entered
150 in full on the minutes of the board.

151 Any library, association, foundation or organization
152 receiving any gift or donation from any county under this
153 subsection shall report in writing to the board of supervisors,
154 from which such gifts or donations have been received every two
155 (2) years, that the gifts and donations so received are still in
156 the possession of the donee and are accessible to the general
157 public. If any of the gifts or donations so received have been



lost, destroyed or have otherwise disappeared, report thereof shall be made.

If any library, association, foundation or organization receiving gifts or donations under this subsection shall cease operating as a free public library or shall cease to be the owner of a fireproof building in which it keeps and maintains a free public library, for reference or otherwise, the said library, association, foundation or organization shall thereupon immediately return to the county library, without expense to the county, or to the state library, without expense to the state, any gifts or donations it may have received under this subsection.

(k) **Patriotic organizations and memorials.** A sum not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to build or aid any post of the American Legion, any chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, any chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, or any post, unit or chapter of any patriotic organization within the county in building a memorial to the veterans of World War I and World War II; and a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to aid in defraying the cost of the erection of suitable memorials to deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the late world wars. Such appropriation may be made, even though no provision has been made therefor in the county budget.

(l) **American Red Cross.** Any board of supervisors of any county in this state is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to donate annually, out of any monies in its respective treasury, to be drawn by warrant thereon, a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per million of assessed valuation to the support of a local chapter of the American Red Cross.

(m) **St. Jude Hospital.** For the payment of mileage expense for transporting persons to St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, for treatment. The mileage shall be based on a



round-trip basis from the patient's place of residence to St. Jude Hospital at the mileage rate set forth in Section 25-3-41.

(n) **Public museums.** For the support and maintenance of such public museums located in the county constituted under the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(o) **Domestic violence shelters.** The board of supervisors of any county in this state is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to donate annually out of any money in the county treasury, such sums as the board deems advisable to support any domestic violence shelter or rape crisis center operating within or serving its area. For the purposes of this section, "rape crisis center" means a place established to provide care, counseling and related services to victims of rape, attempted rape, sexual battery or attempted sexual battery.

(p) **Literacy programs.** The board of supervisors of any county in this state is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to donate out of the general fund of the county such sum of money as the board deems reasonable to any literacy program being conducted within the county.

(q) **Care of neglected children.** The board of supervisors of any county in this state, in its discretion, may donate annually out of any money in the county treasury such sums as the board deems advisable to support any residential group home for the abused, abandoned or neglected children which operates within or serves the county. For the purposes of this paragraph the term "residential group home" means a group residence established to provide care and counseling, and to serve as a home, for children who are the victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

(r) **Senior olympics.** The board of supervisors of any county in this state, in its discretion, may donate out of the general fund of the county such sum of money as the board deems



223 advisable to support and assist the senior olympics and
224 participants in such event.

225 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
226 and after October 1, 2002.

