

By: Representative Pierce

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1859

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF  
2 LEAKESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
3 WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN  
4 OF LEAKESVILLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section  
7 21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing  
8 authorities of the Town of Leakesville in Greene County,  
9 Mississippi, in their discretion, may construct, expand, operate  
10 and maintain the water distribution system of the Town of  
11 Leakesville for a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) miles from  
12 the corporate limits of the Town of Leakesville. Whenever such  
13 service is furnished to any consumer residing outside the  
14 corporate limits of the Town of Leakesville, the consumer may not  
15 be charged at a rate greater than twice the rate charged for the  
16 same service within the corporate limits of the Town of  
17 Leakesville.

18 (2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be  
19 construed as an exemption from the provisions of Chapter 3, Title  
20 77, Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements of obtaining  
21 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the  
22 jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or  
23 any other provision of that law.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after its passage.

