

By: Senator(s) Furniss, White (29th),  
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To: Veterans and Military  
Affairs; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2619

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD TO  
2 ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS CEMETERY  
3 SYSTEM TO SERVE VETERANS, SPOUSES AND ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS OF THE  
4 VETERANS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE  
5 VETERANS' AFFAIRS BOARD TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
6 TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The State Veterans' Affairs Board is authorized  
9 to establish and maintain a Mississippi state veterans' cemetery  
10 system to serve veterans, spouses and eligible dependents of the  
11 veterans of the State of Mississippi.

12 (2) The board may acquire, by gift, purchase or  
13 condemnation, lands necessary for the purposes of the cemeteries.  
14 Title to the properties shall be taken in the name of the state.  
15 Land for the cemetery system may be acquired in Hinds County near  
16 Cooper's Well or in any other suitable location as determined by  
17 the board.

18 (3) The board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations  
19 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

20 (4) The board is authorized to make applications to federal  
21 agencies such as the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
22 and to accept any private or public funds, or other assistance  
23 made available to the board, to effectuate the purposes of this  
24 act.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2002.

