

By: Senator(s) Jackson

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2955

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CAPITOL COMPLEX REAL ESTATE BOARD FOR
2 THE PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED
3 WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS OF THE CAPITOL; TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS
4 AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND
5 SECTION 7-9-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF
6 THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PREPLANNING FUND TO PAY CERTAIN EXPENSES
7 NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE
8 OF REAL PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created the Capitol Complex
11 Real Estate Board, hereinafter referred to as the "board," for the
12 purposes of negotiating the purchases of real property located
13 within a one-mile radius of the Capitol building.

14 (2) The board shall be composed of the following five (5)
15 members:

16 (a) The Governor;

17 (b) The Attorney General;

18 (c) The Secretary of State;

19 (d) The Chairman of the Senate Public Property
20 Committee, serving as ex officio, nonvoting member of the board;
21 and

22 (e) The Chairman of the House of Representatives Public
23 Buildings, Grounds and Lands Committee, serving as ex officio,
24 nonvoting member of the board.

25 (3) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the authorized
26 voting membership of the board. The board shall maintain minutes
27 of all meetings.

28 (4) At any time of the year, the board may receive proposals
29 from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management,
30 Department of Finance and Administration, for the purchase of real



31 property located within a one-mile radius of the Capitol building.
32 The board, or the Executive Director of the Department of Finance
33 and Administration upon approval of the board, is authorized to
34 enter into contracts for the purchase of such real property,
35 provided the contracts are conditional upon funding by the
36 Legislature in the succeeding legislative session.

37 (4) Upon approval by the board, the Bureau of Building,
38 Grounds and Real Property Management, Department of Finance and
39 Administration, is authorized to use funds from the Capital
40 Improvements Preplanning Fund, established pursuant to Section
41 7-9-151, to pay the expenses of any appraisals, surveys or legal
42 work necessary for the board to enter into contracts for the
43 purchase of such real property.

44 (5) Members of the board shall not receive any compensation
45 or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for
46 under Section 25-3-41, except that the legislators shall receive
47 per diem and expenses which shall be paid from the contingent
48 expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as
49 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in
50 session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings
51 of the board shall be paid to legislators while the Legislature is
52 in session.

53 (6) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
54 2004.

55 **SECTION 2.** Section 7-9-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
56 amended as follows:

57 7-9-151. There is hereby established in the State Treasury a
58 revolving fund to be designated as the "Capital Improvements
59 Preplanning Fund" which shall consist of monies appropriated or
60 otherwise made available therefor by the Legislature. Such funds
61 as may be deposited in the revolving fund may be expended by the
62 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to obtain
63 preliminary studies and plans for projects authorized by the



64 Legislature, and for certain expenses of the Capitol Complex Real
65 Estate Board pursuant to Section 1 of Senate Bill No. _____, 2002
66 Regular Session. Funds also may be expended, in an amount not to
67 exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for any project,
68 for the purpose of obtaining preliminary studies and plans, to
69 include appraisals and the purchase of options on real property,
70 for projects the bureau may consider proposing to the Legislature
71 for authorization. The bureau shall consider architectural and
72 aesthetic compatibility in the preplanning of any project
73 conducted using money from the Capital Improvements Preplanning
74 Fund.

75 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
76 and after its passage.

