

By: Representative Ellis

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO USE COUNTY  
2 PRISON LABOR TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN CEMETERIES; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any sheriff or his designee may use any  
6 person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony and who is  
7 serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to  
8 clear, clean, stabilize, preserve, maintain and restore historic  
9 cemeteries in the county. For the purposes of this section the  
10 term "historic cemeteries" means cemeteries that are at least  
11 fifty (50) years old.

12 (2) Before undertaking work on an historic cemetery, the  
13 sheriff or his designee shall contract the Department of Archives  
14 and History to obtain information on the appropriate procedures  
15 for the preservation and restoration of an historical cemetery.

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

