

By: Representatives Flaggs, Bowles,
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND RELATED
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
14 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular
17 Session of 2004 and providing contingent funds for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
21 matching funds and daily
22 expense allowance of members
23 of the House of Representatives..... \$3,571,288.00

24 For Contingent Fund for the
25 House of Representatives..... \$4,367,273.00

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.



32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
33 matching funds and daily
34 expense allowance of members
35 of the Senate..... \$1,524,423.00
36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate..... \$3,442,655.00
37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of
44 Representatives and the Senate..... \$1,374,248.00
45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
46 Budget Committee..... \$2,462,630.00
47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
49 and Expenditure Review..... \$1,885,363.00
50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
51 Reapportionment Committee..... \$ 161,115.00
52 For the expenses of the Joint Committee on
53 Compilation, Revision and Publication of
54 Legislation..... \$ 297,000.00

55 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall
56 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of
57 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line
58 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and
59 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint
60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint
61 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state
62 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

63 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
64 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State



65 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
66 the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature,
67 as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
68 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, as
69 follows:

70 For the House of Representatives..... \$2,027,756.00.
71 For the Senate..... \$ 879,899.00.

72 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
73 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
74 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
75 the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year
76 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
77 \$ 281,710.00.

78 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following
79 distribution shall be made:

80 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 27,288.00
81 Southern Growth Policies Agreement....\$ 22,842.00
82 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 180,717.00
83 National Conference of Commissioners
84 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 27,400.00
85 The Energy Council.....\$ 23,463.00

86 **SECTION 4.** The Legislature shall have the authority to
87 escalate its budget and expend funds from the Legislative
88 Extraordinary Session Expense Revolving Fund, as authorized in
89 Section 5-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules
90 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
91 a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. The
92 authority granted in this section is provided for the purpose of
93 paying the expenses of the members of the Legislature incurred
94 during any Extraordinary Session of the Legislature occurring
95 during the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,
96 2004.



97 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
98 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
99 General Fund to the credit of the House of Representatives,
100 pursuant to House Bill No. 1799, Regular Session of 2002, for the
101 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004
102 \$ 25,000.00.

103 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
104 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
105 General Fund to the credit of the Joint Legislative Budget
106 Committee, pursuant to House Bill No. 1799, Regular Session of
107 2002, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June
108 30, 2004..... \$ 200,000.00.

109 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
110 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for
111 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance
112 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and
113 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for
114 the health insurance plan.

115 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
116 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
117 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
118 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
119 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
120 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

121 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
122 and after July 1, 2003.

