

By: Representative Montgomery

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 13
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF COUNTIES AND
2 MUNICIPALITIES TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH EACH
3 OTHER AND WITH THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
4 AND/OR WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING,
5 IMPROVING OR RESTORING STATE PARKS, PUBLIC GAME AND FISH HABITAT;
6 TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS,
7 SUPPLIES AND EMPLOYEES OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUCH
8 PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) Any governmental entity, individually or
11 jointly with any other governmental entity, may enter into
12 cooperative agreements with each other and with the Commission on
13 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and/or any water management
14 district, for the purpose of creating, improving or restoring
15 state parks, public game and fish habitat lying or to be situated
16 wholly or partially within the territorial jurisdiction of the
17 governmental entity or within the territorial jurisdiction of an
18 adjoining governmental entity; and any such governmental entity
19 may use property, equipment, materials, supplies and employees of
20 the governmental entity for such purposes.

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
22 have the meanings ascribed to them under this subsection:

23 (a) "Governmental entity" means the board of
24 supervisors of any county and the governing authorities of any
25 municipality;

26 (b) "Water management district" means the Pat Harrison
27 Waterway District, the Pearl River Basin Development District, the
28 Pearl River Valley Water Management District, the Tombigbee River
29 Valley Water Management District and the Yellow Creek Watershed
30 Authority.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2004.