

By: Representatives Middleton, Mims, West

To: Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1594

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI HISTORIC BYWAY AS  
2 AN OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI SCENIC BYWAY PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 SCENIC BYWAY PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) The following highways, roads and streets  
6 located in the State of Mississippi are hereby designated as an  
7 official Mississippi scenic byway to be known as the "Lower  
8 Mississippi Historic Scenic Byway," pursuant to Section 65-41-1 et  
9 seq.:

10 Begin on U.S. Highway 61 at the Issaquena County line  
11 and travel south along U.S. Highway 61 in Warren County,  
12 to Business 61 (North Washington Street); travel north  
13 on Washington Street to downtown Vicksburg. Continue  
14 traveling on Washington Street as it merges into  
15 Warrington Road; travel Warrington Road to U.S. Highway  
16 61; continue on U.S. Highway 61 South to Claiborne  
17 County.

18 Upon entering Claiborne County, continue traveling south  
19 on U.S. Highway 61. At Grand Gulf Road, travel west to  
20 Grand Gulf Military Park. Turn on Grand Gulf Road to  
21 U.S. Highway 61. Travel south on U.S. Highway 61 to  
22 Port Gibson. U.S. Highway 61 at Port Gibson is also  
23 known as "Church Street." At the intersection of Church  
24 Street and Orange Street, travel west on Orange Street,  
25 past the Claiborne County Courthouse to Market Street.  
26 Travel south on Market Street four (4) blocks, past  
27 Mississippi Cultural Crossroads, Matt Ross

28 Administrative Building, Harriette Pearson Memorial  
29 Library and Meyer Marx Building until you reach Carroll  
30 Street. Return to Church Street and travel south on  
31 U.S. Highway 61 to Jefferson County. This corridor also  
32 includes Rodney Road, which is Carroll Street (west of  
33 Market Street). Travel west on Rodney Road, past the  
34 Shaifer House and grounds; travel past the Ruins of  
35 Windsor where Rodney Road merges into Highway 552.  
36 Travel past Alcorn State University on Highway 552 back  
37 to U.S. Highway 61.  
38 Travel south on U.S. Highway 61 until you reach Adams  
39 County and continue on U.S. Highway 61 through the City  
40 of Natchez to U.S. Highway 61/84 Interchange; travel  
41 west on U.S. Highway 84 to the Natchez Intermodal Center  
42 at the Mississippi River Bridge. Return to U.S. Highway  
43 61/84 interchange and travel south on U.S. Highway 61  
44 through the southern portion of Natchez to Wilkinson  
45 County. Traveling south on U.S. Highway 61 through  
46 Woodville to the Louisiana state line. This terminates  
47 the Lower Mississippi Historic Byway.

48 (2) Outdoor advertising as identified in the Lower  
49 Mississippi Historic Byway Corridor Management Plan shall be  
50 allowed on U.S. Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 84 within the  
51 corporate limits of the impacted municipalities along the byway  
52 subject to the zoning and signage statutes and ordinances of the  
53 state and the impacted municipalities. Outdoor advertising  
54 outside of a municipality's corporate limit must be in compliance  
55 with applicable local, state and federal guidelines.

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