

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2424

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STATE INMATES THAT MAY BE HOUSED IN
3 REGIONAL JAILS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
8 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
9 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by
10 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and
11 control of not more than three hundred (300) offenders who are in
12 the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or
13 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,
14 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
15 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all
16 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
17 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
18 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
19 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
20 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
21 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
22 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
23 Jefferson County.

24 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
25 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state
26 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
27 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River

28 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
29 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which
30 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and
31 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
32 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards
33 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in
34 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county,
35 (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene Counties. The
36 Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of
37 the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract
38 for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this
39 subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the
40 local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found to be
41 of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or
42 reconstruction.

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