

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2924

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL FROM JULY 1, 2004, TO JULY 1, 2006,
3 ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT AUTHORIZES THE MISSISSIPPI
4 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO USE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS
5 ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT TO MAKE
6 INTEREST BEARING LOANS TO CERTAIN ENTITIES THROUGH A HOUSING
7 DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING
8 PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 57-61-36. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter
13 to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall
14 utilize not more than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
15 (\$12,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be
16 issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants to
17 municipalities through a development infrastructure grant fund to
18 complete infrastructure related to new or expanded industry.

19 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
20 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not
21 more than Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) out of the
22 proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the
23 purpose of making interest-bearing loans to any agency,
24 department, institution, instrumentality or political subdivision
25 of the state; or any agency, department, institution or
26 instrumentality of any political subdivision of the state; or any
27 business, organization, corporation, association or other legal
28 entity meeting criteria established by the department, through a
29 housing development revolving loan fund, to construct or repair
30 housing for low or moderate income earners; provided, however,

31 that the department may not utilize any bond proceeds authorized
32 under this chapter for the purpose of making any loans to the
33 Mississippi Home Corporation for any purpose whatsoever. No more
34 than forty percent (40%) of the additional bonds authorized
35 by * * * Laws, 1998, Chapter 559, may be used for multiple family
36 housing activities. Funds authorized under this subsection may be
37 deposited in the Mississippi Affordable Housing Development Fund
38 authorized in Section 43-33-759 and used for purposes authorized
39 by that section. This subsection (2) shall be repealed from and
40 after July 1, 2006.

41 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
42 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not
43 more than Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
44 (\$8,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be
45 issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants or loans
46 to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant
47 and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related improvements as
48 determined by the Mississippi Development Authority, the purchase
49 of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and
50 renovation of public facilities. Any bonds previously issued for
51 the Development Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have
52 not been loaned or applied for are eligible to be administered as
53 grants or loans.

54 The requirements of Section 57-61-9 shall not apply to any
55 grant made under this subsection. The Mississippi Development
56 Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern grants
57 made pursuant to this subsection.

58 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
59 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not
60 more than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) out
61 of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter
62 in order to match federal funds available from the United States
63 Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing an

intermediary relending program to be administered by the Mississippi Development Authority. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern loans made under such program. This subsection (4) shall be repealed from and after April 9, 2002.

(5) The Mississippi Development Authority may establish a capital access program and may contract with any financial institution to participate in the program upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower to such loss reserve accounts. All money in such loss reserve accounts is the property of the Mississippi Development Authority.

Under the capital access program a participating financial institution may make a loan to any borrower the Mississippi Development Authority determines to be qualified under rules and regulations adopted by the authority and be protected against losses from such loans as provided in the program. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit claims for the reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of default on loans by qualified borrowers.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that participate in the capital access program established by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not

97 more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) out of the
98 proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the
99 purpose of assisting Warren County, Mississippi, in the
100 continuation and completion of the study for the proposed Kings
101 Point levee.

102 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
103 contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not
104 more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the
105 proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the
106 purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the
107 resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the
108 community and junior colleges, the Mississippi Development
109 Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic
110 development in the state.

111 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
112 the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall use not
113 more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) out of
114 the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for
115 the purpose of providing assistance to municipalities that have
116 received community development block grant funds for repair,
117 renovation and other improvements to buildings for use as
118 community centers. Assistance provided to a municipality under
119 this subsection shall be used by the municipality to match such
120 community development block grant funds. The maximum amount of
121 assistance that may be provided to a municipality under this
122 subsection shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
123 (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

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