

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3150: Appropriation; Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered
8 Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses
9 of the Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
10 ending June 30, 2005 \$ 151,075.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
12 of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

13 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

14	Permanent:	Full Time	2
15		Part Time	0
16	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
17		Part Time	0

18 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
19 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
20 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
21 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005
22 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
23 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the
24 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
25 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall

26 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
27 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
28 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
29 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
30 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal
31 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
32 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
33 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
34 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
35 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services"
36 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
37 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
38 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
39 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

40 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
41 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
42 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
43 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
44 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
45 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
46 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
47 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
48 appropriated level.

49 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
50 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
51 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
52 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

53 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
54 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
55 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
56 means to increase salaries of employees or positions, except for
57 the award of teacher pay increases.

58 **SECTION 3.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
59 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
60 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
61 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
62 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
63 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

64 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2004.

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