

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 2386

BY: Senator(s) Carmichael, King

1 **AMEND by inserting the following section after line 193 and**
2 **renumbering any succeeding section(s):**

3 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Veterans Affairs Board is
4 authorized to establish, operate and maintain a Mississippi
5 veterans cemetery in this state, which shall be known as the
6 "Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery".

7 (2) The State Veterans Affairs Board has the primary
8 responsibility for verifying eligibility for interment in the
9 veterans cemetery. Eligibility criteria for interment in the
10 cemetery is the same as required for interment in a national
11 cemetery as provided by federal law and rules and regulations
12 applicable thereto. However, to be eligible for interment a
13 veteran must have been a legal resident of the State of
14 Mississippi for two (2) years immediately prior to his death.

15 (3) The cemetery shall be under the control and
16 administration of the State Veterans Affairs Board.

17 (4) Applications for interment in the cemetery shall be
18 processed in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by
19 the State Veterans Affairs Board.

20 (5) The State Veterans Affairs Board is designated as the
21 agency of this state to receive federal aid under Title 38 USC, as
22 amended, and is authorized to receive funds from the United States
23 Department of Veterans Affairs or any other agency of the United

24 States authorized to grant or expend funds to assist a state in
25 establishing, operating and maintaining a veterans cemetery. The
26 board is authorized to receive gifts, contributions, bequests and
27 individual reimbursements from any source, the receipt of which
28 shall not exclude any other source of revenue. All funds received
29 by the board pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into a
30 special fund, hereby created and known as the "Mississippi
31 Veterans Cemetery Fund," and shall be expended to establish,
32 operate and maintain a veterans cemetery in this state. The State
33 Veterans Affairs Board is authorized to employ such personnel as
34 it may deem necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities
35 under this section.

36 **FURTHER, amend the title to conform.**