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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER BASIN  
3 DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out  
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available  
8 to the Pearl River Basin Development District, for the purpose of  
9 defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.....  
11 ..... \$ 1,470,923.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the  
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below  
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
15 expenditure:

16 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17	Personal Services:		
18	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	506,766.00
19	Travel and Subsistence.....		24,000.00
20	Contractual Services.....		167,057.00
21	Commodities.....		27,200.00
22	Capital Outlay:		
23	Other Than Equipment.....		176,500.00
24	Equipment.....		14,400.00
25	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>555,000.00</u>
26	Total.....	\$	1,470,923.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time.....	11
29		Part Time.....	3
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
31		Part Time.....	0

32 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
33 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
34 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
35 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006  
36 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
37 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the  
38 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
39 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
40 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
41 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
42 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
43 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
44 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal  
45 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
46 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
47 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
48 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
49 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"  
50 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
51 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
52 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
53 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

54 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
55 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
62 appropriated level.

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

67 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
68 Pearl River Basin Development District shall maintain complete  
69 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
70 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
71 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
72 Year 2005. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
73 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be  
74 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
75 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
76 provided during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process.

77 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
78 Director of the Pearl River Basin Development District shall be  
79 authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source,  
80 not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), for the  
81 purpose of maintaining the Lower Pearl Restoration Project in  
82 accordance with the Project Cooperation Agreement with the United  
83 States Army Corps of Engineers and to maintain the South Jackson  
84 Clearing Project in an area along the Pearl River in Hinds County  
85 and Rankin County, in accordance with rules and regulations of the  
86 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent  
87 with the escalation of federal funds.

88 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except  
89 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which  
90 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,  
91 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the  
92 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent

93 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills  
94 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

95       **SECTION 6.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall  
96 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer  
97 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with  
98 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

99       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
100 and after July 1, 2005.