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To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1767  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2 TO DO ANY AND ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE WATER OR  
3 SEWER SERVICES TO JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this act is to authorize and  
7 empower the Jackson County Board of Supervisors to help provide  
8 and enhance water and sewer services to Jackson County,  
9 Mississippi.

10 **SECTION 2.** Jackson County, Mississippi, may help construct,  
11 acquire, improve, extend and maintain water and/or sewer lines  
12 anywhere within the county for the purpose of enhancing or  
13 assisting in the provision of water, through existing water and  
14 sewer districts, to the residents or businesses within Jackson  
15 County. In addition, Jackson County, Mississippi, by and through  
16 the Jackson County Port Authority, shall in its discretion have  
17 authority and may wholesale water to any public or private entity.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act shall serve as authority for any private  
19 and/or public entity to cooperate with and/or contract with  
20 Jackson County in furtherance of the purposes set out in this act.  
21 This act shall further serve as authorization for Jackson County  
22 for the purposes of obtaining either state or federal funds, and  
23 to execute legal certifications necessary to comply with any state  
24 or federal funding requirements so long as any systems constructed  
25 with such funds comply with Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

26 **SECTION 4.** Jackson County, Mississippi, is authorized to do  
27 all acts necessary and proper or convenient in the exercise of the  
28 powers granted under this act, and such act shall be liberally

29 construed for the purposes set out in the act, and the powers  
30 granted being independent from any power granted to Jackson County  
31 or any municipality or district within the county by any general  
32 or local and private act of the Legislature.

33       **SECTION 5.** The authority granted under this act shall not be  
34 construed as authority for the Board of Supervisors of Jackson  
35 County, Mississippi, to create a countywide utility district. The  
36 creation of such a utility district is strictly prohibited under  
37 this act.

38       **SECTION 6.** If any provision of this act shall be held to be  
39 invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder  
40 shall not be affected thereby.

41       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after its passage.