

By: Representative Moak

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-17-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE MONETARY THRESHOLD THAT REQUIRES A COUNTY TO
3 EMPLOY A QUALIFIED ENGINEER ON PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR
4 RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROADS OR BRIDGES; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-17-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

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10 65-17-201. The boards of supervisors of the several counties
11 of the State of Mississippi are authorized and empowered at their
12 discretion to employ, as county engineer, a civil engineer or
13 person qualified to perform the duties of a county engineer, and
14 such assistant engineers as may be necessary. On all projects for
15 the construction or reconstruction of a bridge which will cost
16 more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or for the
17 construction or reconstruction of roads which will cost more than
18 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per mile, the employment of an
19 engineer qualified under the chapter on engineers shall be
20 obligatory, whether the work is being done by the county or by a
21 separate district, and whether the work is to be done by contract
22 or otherwise; however, in obligatory cases the employment may be
23 for the particular work, rather than for a term.

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25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2006.