

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 632  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-35-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN BUDGET LIMITATIONS ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNING  
3 AUTHORITIES DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE LAST YEAR OF A TERM OF  
4 OFFICE FOR SUCH AUTHORITIES SHALL NOT APPLY FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES  
5 OR EXPENDITURES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-35-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 21-35-27. No board of governing authorities of any  
10 municipality shall expend from, or contract an obligation, against  
11 the budget made and published by it during the last year of the  
12 term of office of such governing authorities, between the first  
13 day of April and the first Monday of the following July, a sum  
14 exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of any item of the budget made and  
15 published by it, except in cases of emergency provided for in  
16 Section 21-35-19. The city clerk of any municipality is hereby  
17 prohibited from issuing any warrant contrary to the provisions of  
18 this section.

19 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract,  
20 lease or lease-purchase contract entered into pursuant to Section  
21 31-7-13 or to seasonal purchases or expenditures.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after its passage.