

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks; Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 689

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXPAYERS TO
2 DESIGNATE ANY PORTION OF THEIR TAX REFUND FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
3 MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE
4 THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
5 SOLICIT AND RECEIVE GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE
6 MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION AND TRANSFER
7 SUCH GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Each resident individual taxpayer who files
11 a Mississippi income tax return and who will receive a tax refund
12 from the State Tax Commission may designate that a contribution be
13 made to the "Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation"
14 by marking the appropriate box printed on the return pursuant to
15 this subsection. In the case of a joint return, each spouse may
16 designate that a portion of the refund shall be paid to such
17 foundation.

18 The State Tax Commission shall print on the Mississippi
19 income tax form for residents a space for designating the
20 contribution in substantially the following form:

21 **"MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION**

22 I wish to contribute () \$1 () \$5 () \$10 () Other
23 \$_____ of my TAX REFUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
24 PARKS FOUNDATION."

25 (2) The State Tax Commission shall explain in the
26 instructions accompanying the individual income tax form the
27 purposes for which the contributions authorized herein shall be
28 used.

29 (3) This section shall apply to taxable years beginning on
30 or after January 1, 2006.

31 (4) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall determine
32 annually the total amount designated by individuals to be paid to
33 the foundation, along with all interest earned thereon, and shall
34 report such amount to the State Treasurer who shall pay such
35 amount to the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
36 Foundation.

37 **SECTION 2.** The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries
38 and Parks may solicit and receive gifts, donations, contributions
39 and other monies, including bequests and devises, on behalf of the
40 Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation and, upon
41 receipt thereof, shall transfer and remit such gifts, donations,
42 contributions and monies so received to the foundation for its
43 use.

44 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after its passage.