

By: Representative Fleming

To: Ports, Harbors and Airports

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-705, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PRESCRIBE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PORT  
3 MULTI-MODAL FUND COMMITTEE, THE AIRPORT MULTI-MODAL FUND COMMITTEE  
4 AND THE PUBLIC TRANSIT MULTI-MODAL FUND COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-1-705, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 65-1-705. (1) (a) There is hereby created the Port  
10 Multi-Modal Fund Committee whose membership shall consist of:

11 (i) Seven (7) directors of ports, appointed by the  
12 President of the Mississippi Water Resources Association, or their  
13 designees, as follows: three (3) directors of the coastal ports  
14 and four (4) directors of the inland river ports;

15 (ii) The Executive Director of MDA, or his  
16 designee;

17 (iii) The Executive Director of MDOT, or his  
18 designee; and

19 (iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
20 Water Resources Association, or his designee.

21 (b) From and after July 1, 2007, members of the Port  
22 Multi-Modal Fund Committee, except for the executive directors of  
23 the Mississippi Development Authority, the Mississippi Department  
24 of Transportation and the Mississippi Water Resources Association,  
25 shall serve for terms as provided in this paragraph. The  
26 Mississippi Water Resources Association shall designate posts for  
27 each of the port directors. The director of Post One shall serve  
28 for an initial term of one (1) year; the directors of Post Two,

29 Post Three and Post Four shall serve for an initial term of three  
30 (3) years; the directors of Post Five and Post Six shall serve for  
31 an initial term of four (4) years; and the director of Post Seven  
32 shall serve for an initial term of five (5) years. All succeeding  
33 terms shall be for five (5) years. Members serving on the  
34 committee on June 30, 2007, shall be eligible for reappointment to  
35 the committee, and there shall be no limit on the number of terms  
36 for which a member may be appointed.

37         (c) A majority of the membership of the committee shall  
38 constitute a quorum. MDOT shall call meetings of the committee  
39 and shall call a meeting for the purpose of reviewing and  
40 approving applications as required in Section 65-1-707 by not  
41 later than August 1 of each fiscal year.

42         (2) (a) There is hereby created an Airport Multi-Modal Fund  
43 Committee whose membership shall consist of:

44                 (i) Five (5) directors of airports appointed by  
45 the President of the Mississippi Airport Association, or their  
46 designees, at least three (3) of whom shall represent airports  
47 with commercial passenger service;

48                 (ii) The Executive Director of MDA, or his  
49 designee; and

50                 (iii) The Executive Director of MDOT, or his  
51 designee.

52         (b) From and after July 1, 2007, members of the Airport  
53 Multi-Modal Fund Committee, except for the executive directors of  
54 the Mississippi Development Authority and the Mississippi  
55 Department of Transportation, shall serve for terms as provided  
56 for in this paragraph. The Mississippi Airport Association shall  
57 designate posts for each of the airport directors. The director  
58 of Post One shall serve for an initial term of one (1) year; the  
59 director of Post Two shall serve for an initial term of two (2)  
60 years; the director of Post Three shall serve for an initial term  
61 of three (3) years; the director of Post Four shall serve for an

62 initial term of four (4) years; and the director of Post Five  
63 shall serve for an initial term of five (5) years. All  
64 succeeding terms shall be for five (5) years. Members serving on  
65 the committee on June 30, 2007, shall be eligible for  
66 reappointment to the committee, and there shall be no limit on the  
67 number of terms for which a member may be appointed.

68 (c) A majority of the membership of the committee shall  
69 constitute a quorum. MDOT shall call meetings of the committee  
70 and shall call a meeting for the purpose of reviewing and  
71 approving applications as required in Section 65-1-707 by not  
72 later than August 1 of each fiscal year.

73 (3) (a) There is hereby created the Railroad Multi-Modal  
74 Fund Committee whose membership shall consist of:

75 (i) The director of each railroad, or his  
76 designee;

77 (ii) The Executive Director of MDA, or his  
78 designee; and

79 (iii) The Executive Director of MDOT, or his  
80 designee.

81 (b) A majority of the membership of the committee shall  
82 constitute a quorum. MDOT shall call meetings of the committee  
83 and shall call a meeting for the purpose of reviewing and  
84 approving applications as required in Section 65-1-707 by not  
85 later than August 1 of each fiscal year.

86 (4) (a) There is hereby created the Public Transit  
87 Multi-Modal Fund Committee whose membership shall consist of:

88 (i) Three (3) directors of transit systems, other  
89 than the Coast Transit Authority and the City of Jackson Transit  
90 System serving the greater Jackson urbanized area, appointed by  
91 the President of the Mississippi Public Transit Association, or  
92 their designees;

93 (ii) The Executive Director of MDA, or his  
94 designee; and

95 (iii) The Executive Director of MDOT, or his  
96 designee.

97 (b) From and after July 1, 2007, members of the Public  
98 Transit Multi-Modal Fund Committee, except for the executive  
99 directors of the Mississippi Development Authority and the  
100 Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall serve for terms as  
101 provided in this paragraph. The Mississippi Public Transit  
102 Association shall designate posts for each of the public transit  
103 system directors. The director of Post One shall serve for an  
104 initial term of one (1) year; the director of Post Two shall serve  
105 for an initial term of two (2) years; and the director of Post  
106 Three shall serve for an initial term of three (3) years. All  
107 succeeding terms shall be for three (3) years. Members serving on  
108 the committee on June 30, 2007, shall be eligible for  
109 reappointment to the committee, and there shall be no limit on the  
110 number of terms for which a member may be appointed.

111 (c) A majority of the membership of the committee shall  
112 constitute a quorum. MDOT shall call meetings of the committee  
113 and shall call a meeting for the purpose of reviewing and  
114 approving applications as required in Section 65-1-707 by not  
115 later than August 1 of each fiscal year.

116 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
117 and after July 1, 2007.