

By: Representative Hines

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 598

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM
2 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
4 OF CRITERIA FOR GRANTS; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS; TO
5 PROVIDE THAT GRANT FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COUNTY WHERE
6 THE PROJECT IS LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Legislative Public
9 Project Grant Program to be administered by the Community Services
10 Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Each
11 legislator is authorized to award a grant of Twenty-five Thousand
12 Dollars (\$25,000.00) each year to be used for a public project in
13 the legislator's district. Grants from different legislators may
14 be combined for projects.

15 (2) In order to receive and award a grant, the legislator
16 shall submit an application to the Community Services Division of
17 the Mississippi Development Authority. The division shall
18 establish criteria for the awarding of grants under this section.
19 The division shall review the application and may award the grant
20 if the application complies with the criteria established by the
21 division.

22 (3) When a grant is awarded, the funds shall be distributed
23 to the county where the project is located. The board of
24 supervisors shall distribute the funds for the project as directed
25 by the division.

26 (4) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
27 2010.

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