

By: Representatives Bailey, Hines

To: Universities and
Colleges; Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1161
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO CONVEY CERTAIN STATE-OWNED
4 REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE
5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO
6 REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGE TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT
8 AND OPERATION OF THE GREENVILLE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER; TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON
10 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
11 LEARNING, TO SELL AND CONVEY CERTAIN STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY
12 LOCATED IN LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98;
13 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
16 Administration, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State
17 Institutions of Higher Learning, is authorized to convey to the
18 Board of Trustees of Mississippi Delta Community College, for the
19 use and benefit of the Greenville Higher Education Center, the
20 following real property in Washington County, Mississippi:

21 40.00 acres, more or less, located in Sections 13 and
22 14, Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Washington County,
23 Mississippi, and being more particularly described as
24 follows:

25 Commence at a 3/4" iron pipe in concrete on the corner
26 common to Sections 13, 14, 21, and 22, Township 17
27 North, Range 8 West, Washington County, Mississippi;
28 thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds West along
29 the line common to said Sections 13 and 14, 1,320.04
30 feet to a 2" iron pipe; thence continue North 00 degrees
31 00 minutes 06 seconds West along said common line
32 between Sections 13 and 14 - 2035.67 feet to the Point

33 of Beginning of the parcel herein described; thence
34 North 85 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 564.05 feet
35 to a 4/8" iron rod set on the east right-of-way line of
36 U.S. Highway No. 1; thence along the east right-of-way
37 line of U.S. Highway No. 1, North 04 degrees 20 minutes
38 30 seconds East 896.27 feet to a concrete right-of-way
39 marker; thence continue along said right-of-way line,
40 North 04 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds East 103.73 feet
41 to a point on the south right-of-way (40 feet from the
42 centerline) of Archer Range Road; thence along the south
43 right-of-way line of Archer Range Road, North 80 degrees
44 58 minutes 54 seconds East 1,081.32 feet; thence
45 continue along said south right-of-way line of Archer
46 Range Road, North 82 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds East
47 464.37 feet; thence South 837.90 feet to the north
48 right-of-way line of an ANR Pipeline Company easement;
49 thence along said north right-of-way line of the ANR
50 Pipeline easement, South 39 degrees 15 minutes 23
51 seconds West 517.71 feet; thence North 85 degrees 39
52 minutes 30 seconds West 653.02 feet to the Point of
53 Beginning, together with all improvements situated
54 thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging, LESS
55 AND EXCEPT all easements and rights-of-way of record.

56 (2) The Board of Trustees of Mississippi Delta Community
57 College shall be responsible for the management and upkeep of the
58 above-described property, as well as any facilities thereon and
59 any improvements that may at some future date be constructed on
60 the site. The board of trustees shall enter into any contracts
61 necessary with Delta State University, Mississippi Valley State
62 University, or any other agency or governing authority of state or
63 local government or any private entity, to ensure that appropriate
64 fees are paid to the Greenville Higher Education Center for the
65 use of the facility.

66 (3) The Board of Trustees of Mississippi Delta Community
67 College shall ensure that the Greenville Higher Education Center
68 carries out the purposes assigned in Section 18, Chapter 538, Laws
69 of 1997. The Department of Finance and Administration and the
70 institutions of higher learning are authorized to convey the above
71 described property on the condition that it shall be used for the
72 purposes provided for in Section 18, Chapter 538, Laws of 1997,
73 and further provided that the property shall revert to the state
74 in the event that the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Delta
75 Community College fails to operate the center as provided for in
76 Section 18, Chapter 538, Laws of 1997.

77 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Finance and
78 Administration, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State
79 Institutions of Higher Learning, is authorized to sell and convey
80 certain state-owned property located in Lamar County, Mississippi,
81 south of U.S. Highway 98, and more particularly described as
82 follows:

83 The Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15,
84 Township 4 North, Range 14 West, Lamar County,
85 Mississippi, containing 40.44 acres.

86 (2) The real property described in subsection (1) of this
87 section shall not be sold for less than the current fair market
88 value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)
89 appraisals by qualified appraisers selected by the Department of
90 Finance and Administration.

91 (3) Proceeds from the sale of land described in subsection
92 (1) of this section shall be deposited into a special fund at the
93 University of Southern Mississippi.

94 (4) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights
95 to the real property sold pursuant to this section.

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