

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2958

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 578, LAWS OF 2006, TO  
2 EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE TO  
3 STUDY DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND  
4 PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 578, Laws of 2006, is hereby  
7 amended as follows:

8 Section 1. (1) There is created a joint committee of the  
9 Legislature for the purpose of studying development possibilities  
10 and alternatives for the real property owned by the State of  
11 Mississippi and formerly occupied by the Mississippi School for  
12 the Blind. The joint committee shall consider the best interests  
13 of nearby neighborhoods, the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
14 preservation thereof in making its report. The joint committee  
15 shall also study and consider the disposal of any state property  
16 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration to be  
17 surplus property. The joint committee shall be composed of five  
18 (5) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
19 Speaker of the House and five (5) members appointed by the  
20 Lieutenant Governor. The joint committee shall make an initial  
21 report to the House of Representatives and the Senate by January  
22 5, 2007, as to its findings and recommendations. The joint  
23 committee shall continue to meet and make a subsequent report no  
24 later than January 5, 2008. Upon presentation of the second  
25 report, the joint committee shall be dissolved.

26 Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the  
27 enactment of this act; and, within fifteen (15) days thereafter on  
28 a day to be designated jointly by the President of the Senate and

29 the Speaker of the House, the committee shall meet and organize by  
30 selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The  
31 vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and shall be  
32 responsible for keeping all records of the committee. A majority  
33 of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. In the  
34 selection of its officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions  
35 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of  
36 the joint committee from each house shall be required. All  
37 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, such notices  
38 to be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the date on which a  
39 meeting is to be held. Members of the committee shall be paid  
40 from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in  
41 the same manner as provided for committee meetings when the  
42 Legislature is not in session.

43 (2) No action shall be taken with respect to any sale, lease  
44 or development of the real property described in subsection (1) of  
45 this section without specific legislative act.

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