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To: Environment Prot, Cons  
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## SENATE BILL NO. 2962

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THE INCORPORATION OF RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INTO WATER  
3 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 19-5-151. (1) Any contiguous area situated within any  
8 county of the state, and not being situated within the corporate  
9 boundaries of any existing municipality, and having no adequate  
10 water system, sewer system, garbage and waste collection and  
11 disposal system, or fire protection facilities serving such area,  
12 may become incorporated as a water district, as a sewer district,  
13 as a garbage and waste collection and disposal district, as a fire  
14 protection district, as a combined water and sewer district, as a  
15 combined water and garbage and waste collection and disposal  
16 district, as a combined water and fire protection district, or as  
17 a combined water, sewer, garbage and waste collection and disposal  
18 and fire protection district, in the manner set forth in the  
19 following sections.

20 (2) If the certificated area \* \* \* of a nonprofit, nonshare  
21 corporation chartered under the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation  
22 Act for the purpose of owning and operating rural waterworks lies  
23 in one county, the corporation may become incorporated as a water  
24 district in the manner set forth in Section 19-5-153(3). If the  
25 nonprofit, nonshare corporation's certificated area lies in more  
26 than one (1) county, the procedure in Section 19-5-164 shall be  
27 used.

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