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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3190

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 18, CHAPTER 541, LAWS OF
2 2001, AS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 538, LAWS OF 2006, TO INCREASE
3 THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE
5 ARTS; TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
6 CONFORMITY THERETO AND TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE
7 PROVISION WHICH PROVIDES THAT MONIES IN THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE
8 ARTS WHICH ARE DERIVED FROM PROCEEDS OF BONDS ISSUED AFTER A
9 CERTAIN DATE MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED BY
10 THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE RELATED TO
11 PROJECTS FOR WHICH GRANT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED FROM THE USE OF
12 PROCEEDS FROM SUCH BONDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 210 THROUGH 226,
13 CHAPTER 1, LAWS OF 2005, AS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 538, LAWS OF
14 2006, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
15 AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART; AND FOR
16 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** Sections 3 through 18, Chapter 541, Laws of 2001,
19 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 540, Laws of 2002, as amended by
20 Section 1, Chapter 519, Laws of 2003, as amended by Section 208,
21 Chapter 1, Laws of 2004 Third Extraordinary Session, as amended by
22 Section 9, Chapter 538, Laws of 2006, are amended as follows:

23 Section 3. As used in Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the
24 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the
25 context clearly requires otherwise:

26 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
27 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
28 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
29 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
30 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
31 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
32 maturity;

33 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

34 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

35 Section 4. (1) The Mississippi Arts Commission, at one
36 time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the
37 necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of
38 Mississippi to provide funds for the grant program authorized in
39 Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the
40 Mississippi Arts Commission, declaring the necessity for the
41 issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds
42 authorized by this section, the Mississippi Arts Commission shall
43 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the
44 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in
45 its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form
46 of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the
47 bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things
48 necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale
49 of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under Sections 3
50 through 18 of this act shall not exceed Twenty-two Million Two
51 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,200,000.00).

52 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3
53 through 18 of this act shall be deposited into the Building Fund
54 for the Arts created pursuant to Section 2 of this act. Any
55 investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 3 through
56 18 of this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued
57 under Sections 3 through 18 of this act, in accordance with the
58 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

59 Section 5. The principal of and interest on the bonds
60 authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be
61 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall
62 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,
63 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set
64 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable
65 at such place or places within or without the State of
66 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to
67 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable

68 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or
69 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and
70 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by
71 resolution of the commission.

72 Section 6. The bonds authorized by Sections 3 through 18 of
73 this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by
74 his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission
75 shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the
76 commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such
77 bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such
78 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the
79 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the
80 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers
81 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have
82 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of
83 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be
84 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as
85 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in
86 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in
87 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding
88 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as
89 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

90 Section 7. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
91 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act have all the
92 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the
93 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the
94 powers granted by Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the
95 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the
96 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

97 Section 8. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for
98 the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18 of this act,
99 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,
100 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees

101 and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all
102 other things necessary and advisable in connection with the
103 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and
104 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance
105 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18
106 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds.
107 The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public
108 sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the best
109 interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be
110 made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date of
111 delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing on
112 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;
113 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not
114 more than one (1) year.

115 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at
116 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
117 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers
118 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,
119 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial
120 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the
121 commission.

122 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
123 Sections 3 through 18 of this act, may provide that bonds, at the
124 option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment
125 and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued
126 interest on such date or dates named therein.

127 Section 9. The bonds issued under the provisions of Sections
128 3 through 18 of this act are general obligations of the State of
129 Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit
130 of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds
131 appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the
132 principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due,
133 then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any

134 funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such
135 bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering
136 the provisions of this section.

137 Section 10. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
138 provisions of Sections 3 through 18 of this act, the commission
139 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the
140 special fund created in Section 2 of this act. Except as
141 otherwise provided in Section 2 of this act, the proceeds of such
142 bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department
143 of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as
144 may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of
145 the bonds.

146 Section 11. The bonds authorized under Sections 3 through 18
147 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the
148 happening of any other conditions or things other than those
149 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required
150 by Sections 3 through 18 of this act. Any resolution providing
151 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 3
152 through 18 of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
153 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted
154 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority
155 of its members.

156 Section 12. The bonds authorized under the authority of
157 Sections 3 through 18 of this act may be validated in the Chancery
158 Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,
159 in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter
160 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of
161 county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to
162 taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a
163 newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of
164 Jackson, Mississippi.

165 Section 13. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
166 of Sections 3 through 18 of this act or of any of the interest

167 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by
168 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce
169 any and all rights granted under Sections 3 through 18 of this
170 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel
171 performance of all duties required by Sections 3 through 18 of
172 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of
173 bonds and interest thereon.

174 Section 14. All bonds issued under the provisions of
175 Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be legal investments for
176 trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust
177 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the
178 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities
179 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public
180 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and
181 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of
182 public funds.

183 Section 15. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections 3
184 through 18 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt from
185 all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

186 Section 16. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections
187 3 through 18 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes
188 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and
189 sale of such bonds.

190 Section 17. The State Treasurer is authorized, without
191 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
192 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
193 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
194 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
195 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
196 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of
197 this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary
198 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds

199 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on
200 the due dates thereof.

201 Section 18. Sections 3 through 18 of this act shall be
202 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the
203 powers therein granted, but Sections 3 through 18 of this act
204 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any
205 existing law of this state.

206 **SECTION 2.** Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
207 amended as follows:

208 39-11-13. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the
209 "Building Fund for the Arts," is created within the State
210 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as
211 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General
212 Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any money designated
213 for deposit therein from any source, including, but not limited
214 to, any state general obligation bonds issued for the purposes
215 described in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the
216 fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State
217 General Fund, and investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall
218 be deposited into such fund.

219 (b) Money deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
220 in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to provide
221 grants to nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt
222 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of
223 local government to pay the costs of:

224 (i) Repair, upgrading, expansion, renovation or
225 enhancement of existing buildings and facilities for the
226 presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of
227 its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such
228 buildings or facilities;

229 (ii) Construction of new buildings and facilities
230 for the presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any

231 and all of its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology
232 for such buildings or facilities; or

233 (iii) The development, construction, equipping and
234 furnishing of an entertainment and film center and museum and
235 completion of a sound stage project.

236 (c) The entity to which such grants are made shall
237 provide matching funds from local, federal or private sources
238 equal to forty percent (40%) of the proposed project cost in order
239 to be eligible for a grant under this section.

240 (d) The maximum aggregate amount of monies in the
241 special fund that may be used to provide grant funds to an entity
242 or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(iii) of this
243 subsection shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00),
244 and no monies in the special fund may be used to provide grant
245 funds under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection after July 1,
246 2003. The maximum aggregate amount of grant funds that may be
247 provided to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph
248 (b)(iii) of this subsection during a fiscal year shall not exceed
249 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

250 (2) (a) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
251 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1)
252 of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived
253 from proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of
254 Chapter 541, Laws of 2001, as amended by Chapter 540, Laws of
255 2002, as amended by Chapter 519, Laws of 2003, as amended by
256 Chapter 1, Laws of 2004 Third Extraordinary Session, as amended by
257 Chapter 538, Laws of 2006, as amended by Section 1 of Senate Bill
258 No. 3190, 2007 Regular Session, and are not used within four (4)
259 years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the
260 special fund, then the Mississippi Arts Commission shall provide
261 an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

262 (b) Monies in the special fund which are derived from
263 proceeds of bonds issued after April 9, 2002, may be used to

264 reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the
265 Mississippi Arts Commission in providing assistance directly
266 related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section
267 for which grant funds are provided under this section from the use
268 of proceeds of such bonds. Reimbursement may be made only until
269 such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual
270 costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be
271 maintained for each project by the Mississippi Arts Commission.
272 Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a
273 project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of
274 bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular
275 project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for
276 unrelated projects. This paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and
277 after July 1, 2008.

278 (3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized
279 and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source
280 funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in
281 this section. The expenditure of money deposited into the special
282 fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts
283 Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer
284 upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and
285 Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission,
286 which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the
287 Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, or his or
288 her designee.

289 (4) The Mississippi Arts Commission shall adopt necessary
290 rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program
291 described in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not
292 limited to, rules and regulations governing applications for
293 grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of
294 grant funds. The Mississippi Arts Commission shall comply with
295 the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

296 **SECTION 3.** Sections 210 through 226, Chapter 1, Laws of 2004
297 Third Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 458,
298 Laws of 2005, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 538, Laws of 2006,
299 are amended as follows:

300 Section 210. As used in Sections 210 through 226 of this
301 act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein
302 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

303 (a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date
304 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
305 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
306 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
307 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
308 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
309 maturity;

310 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi; and

311 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

312 Section 211. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as
313 the "Mississippi Museum of Art Fund," is created within the State
314 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as
315 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General
316 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at
317 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General
318 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in
319 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

320 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
321 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration,
322 for the purpose of providing funds to the Mississippi Museum of
323 Art to pay the costs of acquisition of land, planning, design and
324 site preparation for a facility for the Mississippi Museum of Art
325 in Jackson, Mississippi, and/or construction, repair and
326 renovation, upgrading, furnishing, equipping, expansion or
327 enhancement of buildings or facilities for the Mississippi Museum
328 of Art in Jackson, Mississippi.

329 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
330 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in subsection
331 (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified,
332 by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in
333 subsection (1) of this section shall have been completed,
334 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
335 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt
336 service on the bonds issued under Sections 210 through 226 of this
337 act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance
338 of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

339 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration is
340 expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local
341 or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds
342 provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited
343 into the special fund shall be under the direction of the
344 Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be
345 paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department
346 of Finance and Administration.

347 Section 212. (1) The Department of Finance and
348 Administration, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by
349 resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds
350 of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs
351 incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in Section
352 211 of this act. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the
353 Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity
354 for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation
355 bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and
356 Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or
357 resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution,
358 the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent,
359 prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids,
360 issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and
361 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the

362 issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued
363 under Sections 210 through 226 of this act shall not exceed Three
364 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00).

365 (2) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Sections 210
366 through 226 of this act shall be deposited into the special fund
367 created pursuant to Section 211 of this act. Any investment
368 earnings on bonds issued pursuant to Sections 210 through 226 of
369 this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under
370 Sections 210 through 226 of this act, in accordance with the
371 proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

372 Section 213. The principal of and interest on the bonds
373 authorized under Sections 210 through 226 of this act shall be
374 payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall
375 bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations,
376 bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set
377 forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable
378 at such place or places within or without the State of
379 Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to
380 exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable
381 before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or
382 without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and
383 shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by
384 resolution of the commission.

385 Section 214. The bonds authorized by Sections 210 through
386 226 of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the commission,
387 or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the
388 commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of
389 the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to
390 such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such
391 officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the
392 officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the
393 time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers
394 before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have

395 been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of
396 such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be
397 valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as
398 if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in
399 office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in
400 office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding
401 anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as
402 provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

403 Section 215. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
404 provisions of Sections 210 through 226 of this act have all the
405 qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the
406 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the
407 powers granted by Sections 210 through 226 of this act, the
408 commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the
409 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

410 Section 216. The commission shall act as the issuing agent
411 for the bonds authorized under Sections 210 through 226 of this
412 act, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept
413 bids, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all
414 fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and
415 all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the
416 issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and
417 empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance
418 and delivery of the bonds authorized under Sections 210 through
419 226 of this act from the proceeds derived from the sale of such
420 bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at
421 public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be for the
422 best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall
423 be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to the date
424 of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All interest accruing
425 on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually;
426 however, the first interest payment may be for any period of not
427 more than one (1) year.

428 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at
429 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
430 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers
431 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,
432 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial
433 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the
434 commission.

435 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
436 Sections 210 through 226 of this act, may provide that bonds, at
437 the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for
438 payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued
439 interest on such date or dates named therein.

440 Section 217. The bonds issued under the provisions of
441 Sections 210 through 226 of this act are general obligations of
442 the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full
443 faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably
444 pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are
445 insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such
446 bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the
447 State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise
448 appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their
449 faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

450 Section 218. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
451 provisions of Sections 210 through 226 of this act, the commission
452 shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the
453 special fund created in Section 211 of this act. The proceeds of
454 such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the
455 Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions,
456 if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the
457 issuance of the bonds.

458 Section 219. The bonds authorized under Sections 210 through
459 226 of this act may be issued without any other proceedings or the
460 happening of any other conditions or things other than those

461 proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required
462 by Sections 210 through 226 of this act. Any resolution providing
463 for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Sections 210
464 through 226 of this act shall become effective immediately upon
465 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be
466 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a
467 majority of its members.

468 Section 220. The bonds authorized under the authority of
469 Sections 210 through 226 of this act may be validated in the
470 Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County,
471 Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided
472 by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
473 validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds.
474 The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be
475 published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation
476 in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

477 Section 221. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
478 of Sections 210 through 226 of this act or of any of the interest
479 coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by
480 suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce
481 any and all rights granted under Sections 210 through 226 of this
482 act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel
483 performance of all duties required by Sections 210 through 226 of
484 this act to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of
485 bonds and interest thereon.

486 Section 222. All bonds issued under the provisions of
487 Sections 210 through 226 of this act shall be legal investments
488 for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust
489 companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the
490 State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities
491 which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public
492 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and

493 political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of
494 public funds.

495 Section 223. Bonds issued under the provisions of Sections
496 210 through 226 of this act and income therefrom shall be exempt
497 from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

498 Section 224. The proceeds of the bonds issued under Sections
499 210 through 226 of this act shall be used solely for the purposes
500 therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and
501 sale of such bonds.

502 Section 225. The State Treasurer is authorized, without
503 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
504 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
505 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
506 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
507 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
508 accreted value of, all bonds issued under Sections 210 through 226
509 of this act; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary
510 amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds
511 in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on
512 the due dates thereof.

513 Section 226. Sections 210 through 226 of this act shall be
514 deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the
515 powers therein granted, but Sections 210 through 226 of this act
516 shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any
517 existing law of this state.

518 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
519 and after July 1, 2007.