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To: Appropriations D;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1817

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE  
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES  
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND  
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE  
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,  
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General  
14 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense  
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular  
17 Session of 2025 and providing contingent funds for the House of  
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning  
19 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
21 matching funds and daily  
22 expense allowance of members



23 of the House of Representatives.....\$ 4,550,241.00.

24 For Contingent Fund for the

25 House of Representatives.....\$ 8,761,689.00.

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund  
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand  
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses  
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on  
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,  
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
33 matching funds and daily  
34 expense allowance of members  
35 of the Senate.....\$ 2,019,281.00.

36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$ 6,129,528.00.

37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund  
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)  
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of  
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate  
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi  
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of  
44 Representatives and the Senate.....\$ 1,238,838.00.

45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
46 Budget Committee.....\$ 4,873,832.00.

47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



48                   Committee on Performance Evaluation  
49                   and Expenditure Review.....\$ 2,721,269.00.  
50       For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
51                   Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 300,482.00.  
52       For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
53                   Code Committee.....\$ 400,000.00.

54       The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall  
55       prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of  
56       the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line  
57       detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and  
58       all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint  
59       Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint  
60       Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state  
61       offices or at publicly owned facilities.

62               **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
63       necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
64       Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
65       monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as  
66       provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
67       fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as  
68       follows:

69               For the House of Representatives.....\$ 2,682,317.00.  
70               For the Senate.....\$ 1,164,718.00.

71               **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
72       necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General



73 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
74 state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning  
75 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 471,211.00.

76 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following  
77 distribution shall be made:

78 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 29,077.00.  
79 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 361,899.00.  
80 National Conference of Commissioners  
81 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 41,835.00.  
82 The Energy Council.....\$ 38,400.00.

83 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
84 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
85 to the credit of the joint operations of the House of  
86 Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the  
87 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
88 .....\$ 50,000.00.

89 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for  
91 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
96 made without competitive bids.



97           **SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated under the  
98 provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any  
99 expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the  
100 House of Representatives without prior approval of the House  
101 Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate  
102 without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

103           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the  
104 Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the  
105 Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their  
106 respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi  
107 House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

108           **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
109 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
110 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
111 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
112 Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
113 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

114           **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
115 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2024.

