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To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2408

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI SOIL AND WATER
2 CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A LEVEE SYSTEM
3 ALONG THE YAZOO RIVER, WITHIN YAZOO COUNTY; TO ALLOW THE
4 COMMISSION TO PERFORM NECESSARY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SUCH
5 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this act, the following terms
8 shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the
9 context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (a) "Commission" means the Mississippi Soil and Water
11 Conservation Commission.

12 (b) "Levee project" means a levee system bordering
13 portions of the Yazoo River, within Yazoo County, and funded by
14 federal grants and/or appropriations.

15 (c) "Political subdivision" means any agency, board,
16 department or commission of the State of Mississippi or of the
17 federal government and any political subdivision of the State of
18 Mississippi.



19 (2) The commission shall be authorized to construct a Levee
20 Project and perform, without limitation, all necessary
21 construction, pre-construction and design activities, including
22 environmental mitigation activities and right-of-way acquisitions.

23 (3) The commission shall be authorized to enter into
24 contracts with public and private entities, as it deems necessary,
25 to carry out the purposes of this section.

26 (4) The authority granted under this section shall be
27 construed liberally to authorize the performance of any and all
28 activities necessary to construct the levee project.

29 (5) The commission shall be authorized to maintain the Levee
30 Project and to contract with one or more political subdivisions
31 for such maintenance for a period not to exceed ninety nine (99)
32 years. A political subdivision may provide funding to defray the
33 cost to maintain the levee project.

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

