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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-15-129, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT TO USE STATE APPROVED TAX ROLLS AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE PROPER SHARE THAT EACH MEMBER COUNTY WILL PAY TO THE DISTRICT IN AD VALOREM FUNDING; TO REQUIRE THAT EACH MEMBER COUNTY REMIT ITS SHARE OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO THE DISTRICT BY MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51-15-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

51-15-129. In each county of the State of Mississippi which is a part of the Pat Harrison Waterway District, so long as funds are found to be necessary for the operation of the district by annual legislative approval of the district budget, the tax collector of such county shall pay into the depository selected by the water district for such purpose an amount to be determined as follows: each county shall pay a pro rata share (not to exceed the avails of one (1) mill through September 30, 1997, and not to exceed the avails of three-fourths (3/4) mill through September 30, 2005, and not to exceed seven-eighths (7/8) mill thereafter)

of the annual district budget based on the proportion that the most recent total assessed valuation of the county bears to the most recent aggregate total assessed valuation of all the counties which comprise the district; provided, however, that any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico which by action of the board of supervisors has created and authorized a port authority and which has been paying into the port authority the avails of a two-mill levy that was established under Section 27-39-3 shall pay an amount not to exceed one-tenth (1/10) mill through September 30, 2005, and not to exceed two-tenths (2/10) mill thereafter, of the total assessed valuation of the county to the Pat Harrison Waterway District pursuant to this section and the assessed valuation of that county shall not be considered when calculating each county's pro rata share of the district's budget. Of the amount paid by counties required to pay to the district an amount not to exceed seven-eighths (7/8) mill, an amount equivalent to the avails of one-eighth (1/8) mill shall be utilized to fund flood control, water management and other similar projects as requested by counties in the district. Of the amount paid by counties required to pay to the district an amount not to exceed two-tenths (2/10) mill, an amount equivalent to the avails of one-tenth (1/10) mill shall be utilized to fund flood control, water management and other similar projects as requested by counties in the district. It shall be the duty of the Pat Harrison Waterway District Board of Directors in the month

of * * * November annually upon receipt of the total assessed valuation of the member counties, certified by the * * * Department of Revenue, to prepare a request to the board of supervisors of member counties to levy a tax using the formula herein established not to exceed the maximum number of mills authorized by this section. Member counties shall remit their share of the district budget no later than March 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
February 6, 2014



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 6, 2014



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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