

May 22, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bills:

**S.B. 2046:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-21-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW NONRESIDENT AGENTS TO OBTAIN PRIVILEGE LICENSES FOR PLACING SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 83-21-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE INSURED EXECUTE THE DUE DILIGENCE AFFIDAVIT FOR SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR AN AGENT'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH SURPLUS LINES STATUTES OR RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:21 AM)

**S.B. 2088:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-10-511 AND 57-10-525, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF GRANTS THAT MAY BE GIVEN TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND QUALIFIED ENTITIES FOR LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT BY \$3,000,000.00; TO REMOVE THE JULY 1, 2000, REPEAL DATE ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT; TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER SUCH ACT FROM \$29,000,000.00 TO \$32,000,000.00; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:22 AM)

**S.B. 2111:** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE ON GANG BEHAVIOR IN MISSISSIPPI TO STUDY GANGS, GANG VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIMES AND TO TRACK, IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH GANGS AND DEVIANT GROUPS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE AND SPECIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:22 AM)

**S.B. 2410:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-31-50, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MUNICIPALITY HAVE A CERTAIN MINIMUM POPULATION IN ORDER TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH ANY STRUCTURE OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT THAT IS NOT LESS THAN 25 YEARS OF AGE HAS UNDERGONE SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION, RENOVATION OR REPLACEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL USE; TO REQUIRE THAT A MUNICIPALITY DESIRING TO GRANT A PARTIAL EXEMPTION MUST ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING ITS INTENT TO GRANT THE EXEMPTION AND FINDING THAT THE EXEMPTION WILL PROMOTE

THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL OR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND THAT THE MUNICIPALITY MUST PUBLISH NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO GRANT THE EXEMPTION AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE GRANTING THE EXEMPTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:23 AM)

**S.B. 2488:** AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A SUPERIOR-PERFORMING AND EXEMPLARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR IDENTIFYING AND GRANTING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS THAT IMPROVE AND TO THE HIGHEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN THEIR CLASSIFICATION; TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THIS PROGRAM SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND A PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR SCHOOLS WITH ACCREDITATION DEFICIENCIES, TO BE DESIGNATED AS "PRIORITY SCHOOLS," TO PROVIDE FOR AN EVALUATION PROCESS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND TRAINING OF INDEPENDENT EVALUATION TEAM MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR THE EVALUATION TEAMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR PRIORITY SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANCE TEAMS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRIORITY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS TO INCLUDE MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUCH SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SANCTIONS FOR PRINCIPALS OR TEACHERS WHO FAIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR A PERFORMANCE-BASED EVALUATION OF SUCH PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL ELECTIONS OR APPOINTMENT DECISIONS FOR SUPERINTENDENTS OR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS WHERE PRIORITY SCHOOLS DO NOT IMPROVE DEFICIENCIES, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-306, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED AFTER JULY 1, 2002, TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-17-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS ON AN INTERIM CONSERVATOR AFTER THREE YEARS IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE SCHOOL DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE SUBSTANTIAL INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 7 AND 11 OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1134, 2000 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH ESTABLISHED AN INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING SCHOOLS AND AN ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM FOR LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 12 OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1134, 2000 REGULAR SESSION, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:25 AM)

**S.B. 2493:** AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 447, LAWS OF 1999, TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT CONTAINED IN SUCH LAW IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL LANES FOR TRAFFIC ACROSS THE ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR DAM IN HINDS, MADISON AND RANKIN COUNTIES ADJACENT TO SPILLWAY ROAD; TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF

STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED IN SUCH LAW FROM \$3,500,000.00 TO \$4,950,000.00; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:11 AM)

**S.B. 2506:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, BOARD OF HEALTH, MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND THE LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES, STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE, AND MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DELETE PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS AS TO FEATURES AND OPTIONS ON NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:12 AM)

**S.B. 2519:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE LIST OF DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PUNISHMENT FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF EXPLOSIVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:14 AM)

**S.B. 2559:** AN ACT TO CREATE AN ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTINGUISHING AND REGULATING THE SALE OF ORGANIC FOOD; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE PERSONS TO BECOME CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE SELLING ORGANIC FOOD; TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSPECTION AND RENEWAL FEES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:15 AM)

**S.B. 2583:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-36-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-36-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-36-11, 73-36-13, 73-36-15, 73-36-17, 73-36-19, 73-36-21, 73-36-23, 73-36-27 AND 73-36-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY TERMINOLOGY; TO AMEND SECTION 73-36-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TIME FOR RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE FOR FORESTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-36-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO CREATE CODE SECTION 73-36-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-36-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE SECTIONS OF LAW CREATING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:16 AM)

**S.B. 2588:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A SEPARATE LICENSE FEE FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENT CHARTER BOATS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 7:18 AM)

**S.B. 2598:** AN ACT RECODIFY A SECTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF DERELICT VESSELS TO THE COASTAL WETLANDS PROTECTION LAW; TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 27, TITLE 49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO REMOVE DERELICT VESSELS FROM MANMADE CANAL WITH A NAVIGABLE CONNECTION TO COASTAL WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 7:19 AM)

**S.B. 2600:** AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A CHANNEL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; TO EXPRESS THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHANNEL MAINTENANCE PLAN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE FEDERAL FUNDING ALTERNATIVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:20 AM)

**S.B. 2621:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DATE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BUDGET; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:20 AM)

**S.B. 2658:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL LICENSED AND NONLICENSED EMPLOYMENT APPLICANTS, TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS DETERMINED THROUGH SUCH FINGERPRINTING OR BACKGROUND CHECKS TO BE GUILTY OF CERTAIN FELONIES, TO AUTHORIZE WAIVERS FOR MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES REGARDING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS, TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE A PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR OR ANOTHER PRINCIPAL EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAKE OR ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYEES AND TO TRANSMIT APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 6:45 AM)

**S.B. 2665:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF UNMARKED VEHICLES BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES, THE CAPITOL POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO USE AN ADDITIONAL UNMARKED VEHICLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 6:47 AM)

**S.B. 2706:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-19-81 AND 63-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALERS ON THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE HARVEST PERMITS TO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VEHICLES HAULING CERTAIN PRODUCTS; TO REVISE THE FORMULA AND THE MAXIMUM AXLE LOAD SPECIFICATIONS TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 6:49 AM)

**S.B. 2720:** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO ENTER INTO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEVELOPERS OF MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITIES, THROUGH A COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNING ENTITY, TO ADMINISTER, MANAGE AND ENFORCE THE LAND USE RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS, ZONING REGULATIONS, BUILDING CODES AND REGULATIONS, AND ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON LAND AND BUILDINGS PROVIDED FOR IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR SUCH COMMUNITY; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE IN LIEU OF THE REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY BEING SUBJECT TO COUNTY ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BUILDINGS, SUBDIVISIONS, ZONING, THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SIMILAR ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS OF THE MASTER PLAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO, AND SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL, APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES IN WHICH THE ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY CONFLICT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SHALL PREVAIL IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; TO DEFINE THE TERM "MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY" AND "HIGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT PROJECT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 6:50 AM)

**S.B. 2772:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-31-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A REQUEST FOR AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NEW ENTERPRISES MUST BE REQUESTED BY JUNE 1 OF THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF SUCH NEW ENTERPRISE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-31-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME OF AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO MANUFACTURERS AND CERTAIN OTHER ENTERPRISES FOR ADDITIONS OR EXPANSIONS TO FACILITIES OR PROPERTY AND REPLACEMENTS OF EQUIPMENT, SHALL COMMENCE ON THE DATE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE ADDITION, EXPANSION OR REPLACEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REQUEST FOR SUCH AN EXEMPTION MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 1 OF THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE ADDITION, EXPANSION OR REPLACEMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 6:52 AM)

**S.B. 2810:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-39, 23-15-213, 23-15-299, 23-15-309, 23-15-333, 23-15-359, 23-15-361, 23-15-367, 23-15-627, 23-15-631, 23-15-681, 23-15-839, 23-15-853, 23-15-857, 23-15-977, 37-5-75, 37-7-211 AND 37-7-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE FOR ALL ELECTIVE OFFICES SHALL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY UPON WHICH A CANDIDATE MAY QUALIFY FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE; TO CLARIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE ARE EXAMINED; TO REQUIRE THAT COPIES OF THE STATEMENTS

REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY CANDIDATES FOR PARTY NOMINATION BE TRANSMITTED TO AND RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY NOT LATER THAN 6:00 P.M. ON THE DATE OF THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES IN WHICH THERE IS BUT ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE CONTESTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE DECLARED THE NOMINEES; TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO OCCUR; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES IN WHICH ONLY ONE CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE THAT SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDER IN WHICH THE TITLES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES SHALL BE LISTED; TO CLARIFY THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS OF ELECTORS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE BY MAIL MUST BE MAILED TO THE ELECTOR; TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTIFICATE ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPE THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BY PERSONS WHO WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF A VOTER WHO IS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED; TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE USING THE INTERNET; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PRINTING ON ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES SHALL BE BLACK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 6:55 AM)

**S.B. 2900:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH COUNTIES MAY DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH A FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ZERO; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "CONSTRUCTION" AND "PURCHASE" AS THEY RELATE TO THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAWS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 31-7-3, 31-7-5, 31-7-9 AND 31-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO USE THE CORRECT NAME OF THE AGENCY ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAWS; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM "EQUIPMENT"; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION ALLOWING GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO PURCHASE COMMODITIES WITHOUT REGARD TO STATE CONTRACT PRICE WHEN THE EXPENDITURE IS LESS THAN \$1500.00; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT CONTRACTS FOR RENTALS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAWS AND TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN EXPENDITURE PROHIBITIONS OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES DURING THE LAST YEAR OF THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF SUCH BOARDS AND GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADDENDUM TO BID SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE ISSUED WITHIN 12 WORKING HOURS OF THE TIME ESTABLISHED FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS UNLESS ADDENDUM ALSO AMENDS THE BID OPENING DATE; TO DELETE THE PROVISION REQUIRING AN AGENCY TO MAINTAIN A VENDOR FILE; TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH ENTITIES MAY PURCHASE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS; TO DELETE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAWS; TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TERM TO 60 MONTHS IN CERTAIN PURCHASING CONTRACTS AND TO ALLOW PRICE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-455, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE

METHOD BY WHICH SCHOOL BOARDS MAY DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH NO LONGER HAVE USEFUL VALUE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000, 7:00 AM)

**S.B. 2931:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT LEVEL I TRAUMA FACILITIES LOCATED IN CONTIGUOUS STATES MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:01 AM)

**S.B. 2966:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS BOARD; TO INCREASE FROM \$1,000,000.00 TO \$1,500,000.00 THE MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS LOAN PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000, 7:02 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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