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To: Conservation and Water
Resources

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 74

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE JACKSON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY STUDY
2 COMMITTEE; TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; TO
3 REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE
4 HOUSE AND SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEES BY NOVEMBER 2016; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Jackson County Utility Authority Study
8 Committee is hereby created. It shall consist of members who are
9 to be selected as follows:

10 (a) Two (2) representatives from the Jackson County
11 Utility Authority appointed by the authority;

12 (b) Two (2) from each municipality serviced by the
13 Jackson County Utility Authority appointed by the municipalities'
14 governing authorities;

15 (c) Two (2) from the West Jackson County Utility
16 District appointed by the utility district;

17 (d) Two (2) from the Jackson County Board of
18 Supervisors appointed by the board;



19 (e) Two (2) Senators of the Mississippi Senate
20 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor who represent districts
21 containing municipalities and rural areas served by the Jackson
22 County Utility Authority; and

23 (f) Two (2) Representatives of the Mississippi House of
24 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Mississippi House
25 of Representatives who represent districts containing
26 municipalities served by the Jackson County Utility Authority.

27 (2) The study committee shall be tasked with addressing the
28 following:

29 (a) The cost to the municipalities serviced by the
30 Jackson County Utility Authority;

31 (b) The budgets of the Jackson County Utility
32 Authority;

33 (c) The environmental authority of the Jackson County
34 Utility Authority;

35 (d) The impact to the municipalities serviced by the
36 Jackson County Utility Authority;

37 (e) The current legislative authority of the Jackson
38 County Utility Authority;

39 (f) The relationship of the wholesale and resale
40 component of the Jackson County Utility Authority; and

41 (g) Costs of service including rates for water and
42 sewer connection fees and any other fees associated with consumers
43 serviced directly by the Jackson County Utility Authority.



(3) The study committee shall meet no later than June 1, 2016, and organize by selecting from its membership a chair and vice chair. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall issue a report of their findings to the Conservation and Water Resources Committee of the House of Representatives and the Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources Committee of the Mississippi Senate no later than November 1, 2016.

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

