

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING TWO PERCENT (2%)
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau (herein “MGCRCVB”) is charged with the mission to advertise and promote tourism, attractions, events and conventions along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, pursuant to House Bill 1716, Local and Private Laws of Mississippi, General Session, 2013 (herein “H.B. 1716”), and commenced operations on July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(3)(b) of H.B. 1716, three (3) of the fifteen (15) board members of the MGCRCVB are appointed by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(3)(d) of H.B. 1716, the commissioners appointed by Jackson County shall serve terms of two (2) years “...for purposes of providing each county with a reasonable period of time during which to identify and commit appropriate sources of tourism funding...”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Harrison County’s occupancy tax totaling five percent (5%), Hancock County currently has in place an occupancy tax in the amount of two percent (2%) which provides funding to the MGCRCVB, while Jackson county contributes no funding to the MGCRCVB; and

WHEREAS, the terms and voting privileges of commissioners from Jackson County will expire on June 30, 2015, absent comparable funding approved by Jackson County in accordance with Section 3(3)(d) of H.B. 1716; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County desires to remain a member county for the purpose of promoting coast-wide tourism; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a two percent (2%) occupancy tax in Jackson County will not cause Jackson County’s base occupancy tax to exceed that of Harrison County.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors supports a county-wide two percent (2%) hotel and motel occupancy tax for the purpose of contributing comparable funding to the MGCRCVB in order for Jackson County to satisfy the requirements of H.B. 1716 and to maintain its membership in the MGCRCVB;

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors takes appropriate actions in order to obtain passage of the appropriate local and private legislation by the

Legislature of the State of Mississippi for the purpose of contributing comparable funding to the MGCRCVB;

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors takes appropriate action to obtain a repealer of or extension of the time set forth in H.B. 1716(3)(3)(d) in order to allow Jackson County to enact the sources of funding to satisfy the requirements of H.B. 1716 and to maintain its membership in the MGCRCVB.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor McKay, and the following vote was recorded:

Supervisor Cumbest	<u>yes</u>
Supervisor Harris	<u>yes</u>
Supervisor Mangum	<u>yes</u>
Supervisor Ross	<u>yes</u>
Supervisor McKay	<u>yes</u>

RESOLVED, this the 17th day of February, 2015

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Clerk of the Board

By: [Signature]
President

