

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



April 22, 2021



TO THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR SENATE BILL 2948

I am returning Senate Bill 2948: "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAID THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." *Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White*, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

I am vetoing Section 29(jj) (Lines 518-520) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the City of Greenville to assist in paying the costs associated with downtown park improvements.

I am also vetoing Section 29(ww) (Lines 556-559) providing a \$50,000 appropriation to the City of Scooba to assist in paying the costs associated with making improvements to sports and athletic fields and related facilities.

Finally, I am vetoing Section 29(aaa) (Lines 570-574) making a \$50,000 appropriation to the Town of Mathiston to assist in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the town's baseball park and related facilities.

Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law." The removal of these separate, distinct and complete appropriations does not affect any other appropriations in Senate Bill 2948. *See Reeves*, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

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8:15 A.M.