

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



April 22, 2021



TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1413

I am returning House Bill 1413: "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" 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 24(2) (Lines 311-315) providing a \$4,500,000 appropriation to assist in paying costs for right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to 4-lane that portion of Mississippi Highway 12 from the City of Durant in Holmes County, Mississippi, to the City of Kosciusko in Attala County, Mississippi.

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 this separate, distinct and complete appropriation does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1413. *See Reeves*, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

4/22/2021

8:14 a.m.