

1 SB122
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3 By Senators Hightower, Glover, Albritton and Melson
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no line item
9 in the General Fund Budget for funds for the
10 dredging of the navigable waters of this state
11 rivers and for sediment reuse.

12 This bill would establish as a line item in
13 the General Fund Budget funds for the dredging of
14 the navigable waters of this state and for sediment
15 reuse.

16 This bill would create the Navigable Waters
17 Dredging Fund.

18 This bill would provide for the purpose of
19 the Navigable Waters Dredging Fund.

20 This bill would provide that the Navigable
21 Waters Dredging Fund be administered by the Alabama
22 Department of Environmental Management.

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24 A BILL
25 TO BE ENTITLED
26 AN ACT
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1 To establish as a line item in the General Fund
2 Budget the Navigable Waters Dredging Fund for the dredging of
3 the navigable waters of this state and for sediment reuse; to
4 create the Navigable Waters Dredging Fund; and to provide that
5 the fund shall be administered by the Alabama Department of
6 Environmental Management.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the
9 budget proposed each year for the Alabama Department of
10 Environmental Management shall include as a line item in the
11 General Fund Budget the Navigable Waters Dredging Fund for the
12 dredging of the navigable waters of this state and for
13 sediment reuse. The director of the department shall present
14 the proposed budget at the appropriate budget hearing
15 scheduled by the Alabama Legislature.

16 Section 2. (a) There is established a Navigable
17 Waters Dredging Fund which shall be administered by the
18 Alabama Department of Environmental Management which funds
19 shall be paid to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the
20 purposes of dredging the navigable waters of this state and
21 for sediment reuse. The principal of the fund shall consist of
22 the following:

23 (1) Funds appropriated by any governmental entity.

24 (2) Funds received as gifts from any source.

25 (b) All funds collected or received by the
26 department for the Navigable Waters Dredging Fund shall be
27 deposited into the fund and payments from the fund made to the

1 corps may be used only to carry out the provisions of this
2 section.

3 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.