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Internet Access Expansion Bill Passes House of Representatives

Jackson, MS (January 15, 2019) -- Legislation expanding broadband access has passed the Mississippi House of Representatives by a vote of 115-3. House Bill 366, also referred to as the Mississippi Broadband Enabling Act, allows electric power cooperatives across the state to offer high-speed internet service to its customers.

“This is a historic step to help the citizens of Mississippi. The House has worked in a bipartisan way to change the law and that change will help shape the future of our state for generations to come,” said Commissioner Presley. “I want to particularly thank Speaker Gunn, Chairman Beckett, and the entire membership of the House of Representatives for getting this passed.”

Commissioner Presley has been a champion of expanding high-speed internet access across Mississippi. Current state law prohibits rural electric cooperatives from providing internet service, although no such law exists anywhere else in America. Currently, 107 rural electric cooperatives are providing internet service across the country, including in all of the states bordering Mississippi.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



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