

By: Representative Johnson

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 256

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS TO DESIGNATE OR AUTHORIZE  
3 PERSONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS TO RECOMMEND  
4 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS FOR EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 37-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-9-15. No later than February 15 of each year, the  
10 superintendent of each school district \* \* \* shall recommend to  
11 the school board thereof the assistant superintendents and  
12 principals to be employed for each of the schools of the districts  
13 except in the case of those assistant superintendents and  
14 principals who have been previously employed and who have a  
15 contract valid for the ensuing scholastic year. Unless good  
16 reason to the contrary exists, the school board shall approve and  
17 authorize the employment of the assistant superintendents and  
18 principals so recommended. If, for any reason, the school board  
19 shall decline to approve an assistant superintendent or principal  
20 so recommended, the superintendent \* \* \* shall make additional  
21 recommendations for the place or places to be filled.

22 When the assistant superintendents and principals of the  
23 schools have been recommended and approved as provided in the  
24 preceding paragraph, the superintendent of such district shall  
25 enter into proper contracts with them. At a subsequent meeting he  
26 shall report same to the school board and such shall be entered in  
27 the minutes.

28           An interim conservator appointed pursuant to \* \* \* Section  
29 37-17-6(14)(a) shall not be required to comply with the time  
30 limitations prescribed in this section for recommending and  
31 employing assistant superintendents and principals.

32           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after July 1, 1999.