

By: Representative Broomfield

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 377
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-31-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT A CIVIL SERVICE
3 COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21-31-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 21-31-1. (1) A civil service commission is * * * created in
8 every municipality described in subsection (2) which has a full
9 paid fire and police department.

10 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall
11 apply to:

12 (a) Any municipality, operating under a commission form
13 of government, and having a population of not less than fourteen
14 thousand (14,000), according to the federal census of 1940;

15 (b) Any municipality, under whatever form of
16 government, having a population of not less than twenty-four
17 thousand (24,000), according to the federal census of 1940, and
18 situated in counties having a national military park;

19 (c) Any municipality, operating under the commission
20 form of government, and having a population of not less than ten
21 thousand five hundred (10,500) nor more than eleven thousand
22 (11,000), according to the federal census of 1950;

23 (d) Any municipality, having an aldermanic commission
24 or city manager form of government, and having a population of not
25 less than three thousand eight hundred eighty-one (3,881) at the
26 1960 federal census, and situated on the Mississippi Gulf Coast;

27 (e) Any municipality with its corporate limits being
28 bounded on one (1) side by the Mississippi River and being located
29 in a county having an assessed valuation in excess of Forty
30 Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) but less than Fifty Million
31 Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) and having a total population in excess
32 of thirty-seven thousand five hundred (37,500), according to the
33 latest federal census; * * *

34 (f) Any municipality, operating under special charter,
35 and in which there is located a state-supported college for
36 women; * * *

37 (g) Any municipality having a population of more than
38 ten thousand (10,000) according to the federal census of 1970,
39 which is located within a Class 1 county in which U.S. Highway 51
40 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect and bounded on the south by the
41 State of Louisiana; and

42 (h) Any municipality, bordering on the Escatawpa River,
43 having an aldermanic commission form of government and having a
44 population of not less than seventeen thousand eight hundred
45 thirty-seven (17,837) according to the 1990 federal census.

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