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To: Veterans and Military
Affairs;
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2173

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 35-1-3 AND 35-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO REVISE THE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE VETERANS
3 AFFAIRS BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 35-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 35-1-3. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall appoint, to
8 serve at the will and pleasure of the board, and who will be
9 subject to a biennial personnel performance review every two (2)
10 years, an executive director (who shall also serve as Executive
11 Secretary of the State Veterans Affairs Board), a deputy director
12 and * * * division directors * * *. The executive director and
13 deputy director * * * shall be honorably discharged or honorably
14 released veterans of * * * the Armed Forces of the United
15 States * * *. The board may establish additional minimum
16 qualifications for agency positions.

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18 SECTION 2. Section 35-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
19 amended as follows:

20 35-1-5. The members of the State Veterans Affairs board
21 shall receive no salary but shall be entitled to a per diem
22 allowance in the amount provided in Section 25-3-69 while in
23 attendance at any regular or called meeting of the board or while
24 in the performance of other official duties in connection with the
25 work of the board as authorized or directed by the board. The
26 members of the board shall receive, in addition thereto, actual

27 and necessary expenses as provided by law in the performance of
28 such duties.

29 The compensation of all employees of the board, including the
30 executive director, deputy director and division directors, shall
31 be paid from such monies as the Legislature shall from time to
32 time appropriate.

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34 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after its passage.