

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2247

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-29-457, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE COPIAH-LINCOLN
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM ADAMS COUNTY;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-29-457, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-29-457. (1) The operation and control of the
9 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College District shall be vested in a board
10 of trustees representing the seven (7) counties lying within the
11 district. The said board shall consist of twenty-nine (29)
12 members to be chosen as follows:

13 (a) Copiah County shall be entitled to six (6) members
14 who shall be elected and serve according to Section 37-29-65.

15 (b) Lincoln County shall be entitled to six (6) members
16 who shall be elected and serve according to Section 37-29-65.

17 (c) Lawrence County shall be entitled to two (2)
18 members who shall be elected and serve according to Section
19 37-29-65.

20 (d) Franklin County shall be entitled to two (2)
21 members who shall be elected and serve according to Section
22 37-29-65.

23 (e) Simpson County shall be entitled to two (2) members
24 who shall be elected and serve according to Section 37-29-65.

25 (f) Jefferson County shall be entitled to two (2)
26 members who shall be elected and serve according to Section
27 37-29-65.

28 (g) Adams County shall be entitled to six (6) members
29 who shall be elected from the residents of said county by the
30 Board of Supervisors of Adams County within thirty (30) days of
31 the effective date of this section; and one (1) such member shall
32 be the superintendent of the special municipal separate school
33 district which encompasses Adams County. From and after May 1,
34 1999, there shall be two (2) additional members of the board of
35 trustees from Adams County, to be appointed by the Board of
36 Supervisors of Adams County for a term of five (5) years, and to
37 have the same powers and duties as other board members.

38 The terms of office for the members shall be five (5) years.
39 However, upon the first selection of trustees in the county, one
40 (1) shall be elected for a term of five (5) years, one (1) for a
41 term of four (4) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, one
42 (1) for a term of two (2) years, and one (1) for a term of one (1)
43 year, so as to prevent the retirement of more than one (1) member
44 in any one (1) year. The members elected from Adams County shall
45 have like qualifications and receive the same compensation as the
46 members from other counties as provided by Section 37-29-65.

47 (h) There shall be one (1) member of the board of
48 trustees who shall be elected by the members of the said board of
49 trustees from among the residents of the Copenhag-Lincoln Junior
50 College District. Said member so chosen shall serve a five-year
51 term and have the same powers and duties as the other board
52 members.

53 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section,
54 persons who are currently serving as members of the board of
55 trustees of the Copenhag-Lincoln Junior College District shall
56 complete their terms without interruption.

57 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after its passage.