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**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 614**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

9 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as  
10 Section 37-61-9.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 37-61-9.1. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2),  
12 any school district which proposes to budget an increase in  
13 its local ad valorem tax effort pursuant to Sections  
14 37-57-105 and 37-57-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall hold  
15 a public hearing on such proposed tax increase and shall  
16 publish a notice of tax increase in accordance with the  
17 following procedure:

18 (a) An advertisement of the proposed tax increase  
19 shall be published once each week for two (2) weeks in a  
20 newspaper of general circulation that is qualified under  
21 state law to publish legal notices;

22 (b) The advertisement shall state the proposed  
23 date, time and place for the hearing by the board on the  
24 proposed tax increase, which date shall be not less than  
25 seven (7) days after the day the first advertisement is  
26 published;

27 (c) The form and content of the notice of tax  
28 increase shall be as follows:

29 "NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE - (Name of school district)

30           The (name of school district) will hold a public  
31           hearing on the proposed school district budget for the  
32           \_\_\_\_\_ school year on (date and time) at (meeting  
33           place) for the purpose of consideration of a proposed  
34           local ad valorem tax increase.

35           The district is currently operating under a budget with  
36           projected total revenues of \$\_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_  
37           school year, the proposed budget has total projected revenues  
38           of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Of this total amount of projected  
39           revenue, \_\_\_\_\_ percent is proposed to be financed  
40           through local ad valorem taxes.

41           For the proposed budget for the (199\_-199\_) year, the  
42           district estimates that the operating tax rate will increase  
43           by \_\_\_\_\_ mills from \_\_\_\_\_ mills to \_\_\_\_\_ mills, resulting in  
44           a \_\_\_\_\_ percent increase in local tax effort.

45           All concerned citizens of the district are invited to  
46           attend the public hearing on the proposed tax increase."

47           (d) The hearing on the proposed tax increase shall be  
48           held in public, and all interested residents of the district  
49           desiring to be heard shall be provided an opportunity to present  
50           oral testimony within reasonable time limits;

51           (e) The hearing may be combined with the regular  
52           hearing on the adoption of the school's budget pursuant to Section  
53           37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972.

54           (2) A school district which proposes no budget increase in  
55           local ad valorem tax effort pursuant to Sections 37-57-105 and  
56           37-57-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, or a school district which  
57           has reached the mill levy limitation provided for in said  
58           sections, shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection  
59           (b) above.

60           SECTION 2. Section 27-39-207, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
61           which provides for the advertisement of intention to increase the  
62           local ad valorem tax effort of a school district, is hereby repealed.

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63 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
64d after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-61-9.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED  
3 INCREASES IN LOCAL AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO  
4 PROVIDE FOR THE FORM OF SUCH NOTICE; TO REPEAL SECTION 27-39-207,  
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF  
6 INTENTION TO INCREASE THE AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT OF A SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.