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To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE MAYORS OF MUNICIPALITIES OPERATING UNDER THE
3 MAYOR-ALDERMEN FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO SUSPEND EMPLOYEES WITH OR
4 WITHOUT PAY AFTER AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 21-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 21-3-15. (1) The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the
10 board of aldermen, and in case there shall be an equal division,
11 he shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the superintending
12 control of all the officers and affairs of the municipality, and
13 shall take care that the laws and ordinances are executed. The
14 mayor, after authorization from the board of aldermen, may suspend
15 municipal employees with or without compensation for such period
16 of time as the mayor determines to be necessary.

17 (2) Ordinances adopted by the board of aldermen shall be
18 submitted to the mayor. The mayor shall, within ten (10) days
19 after receiving any ordinance, either approve the ordinance by
20 affixing his signature thereto, or return it to the board of
21 aldermen by delivering it to the municipal clerk together with a
22 written statement setting forth his objections thereto or to any
23 item or part thereof. No ordinance or any item or part thereof
24 shall take effect without the mayor's approval, unless the mayor
25 fails to return an ordinance to the board of aldermen prior to the
26 next meeting of the board, but no later than fifteen (15) days
27 after it has been presented to him, or unless the board of

28 aldermen, upon reconsideration thereof on or after the third day
29 following its return by the mayor, shall, by a vote of two-thirds
30 (2/3) of the members of the board, resolve to override the mayor's
31 veto.

32 (3) The following words when used in this section shall have
33 the following meaning:

34 (a) "Ordinance" * * * includes ordinances, resolutions
35 and orders.

36 (b) "Employee" means a person who works full or part
37 time for the municipality.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2000.