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To: Environment Prot,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2162

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-2-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2001, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SHALL BE HIRED BY AND
4 SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-2-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-2-4. (1) There is * * * created the Mississippi
10 Department of Environmental Quality whose offices shall be located
11 in Jackson, Mississippi.

12 (2) Until December 31, 2000, the department shall be headed
13 by an executive director who shall be appointed by and serve at
14 the pleasure of the Governor. Beginning January 1, 2001, the
15 department shall be headed by an executive director who shall be
16 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission. The
17 appointment of the executive director shall be made with the
18 advice and consent of the Senate. * * * The executive director
19 shall have the following minimum qualifications:

20 (a) A master's degree in a field related to natural
21 resources, and at least six (6) years' full-time experience in
22 natural resources, including at least three (3) years of

23 management experience; or

24 (b) A bachelor's degree in a field related to natural
25 resources or administration and at least eight (8) years of
26 full-time work in the field of natural resources, including four
27 (4) years of management experience.

28 The executive director is the chief administrative officer of
29 the department.

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