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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2491
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-306, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED AFTER JULY 1,
3 2000, TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-7-306, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[JU1]

8 37-7-306. (1) Every school board member selected after July
9 1, 2000, shall have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

10 (2) Every school board member selected after July 1, 1993,
11 shall be required to complete a basic course of training and
12 education for local school board members, in order for board
13 members to carry out their duties more effectively and be exposed
14 to new ideas involving school restructuring. Such basic course of
15 training, approved by the State Board of Education, shall be
16 conducted by the School Executive Management Institute of the
17 State Department of Education. Upon completion of the basic
18 course of training, the School Executive Management Institute
19 shall file a certificate of completion for the school board member
20 with the office of the local school board. In the event that a
21 board member fails to complete such training within six (6) months
22 of his selection, or six (6) months from April 15, 1993, such
23 board member shall no longer be qualified to serve and shall be
24 removed from office.

25 (3) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection
26 (2) of this section, after taking office, each school board member
27 shall be required to file annually in the office of the school

28 board a certificate of completion of a course of continuing
29 education conducted by the Mississippi School Boards Association.

30 (4) Every school board member selected after July 1, 2000,
31 shall spend at least one (1) full day in a school in the district
32 they represent, without compensation.

33 (5) Upon the failure of any local school board member to
34 file with the school board the certificate of completion of the
35 basic course of training as provided in subsection (2) of this
36 section, the school board member shall be removed from office by
37 the Attorney General.

38 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
39 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
40 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
41 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
42 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
43 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
44 extended.

45 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
47 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.