

By: Johnson (38th)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2849

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) Upon the failure of any local school board member to  
31 file with the school board the certificate of completion of the  
32 basic course of training as provided in subsection (2) of this  
33 section, the school board member shall be removed from office.

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

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