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To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2993

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE AUTHORITY OF TAX COMMISSION TO HIRE ATTORNEYS; TO PROVIDE  
3 THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE  
4 COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[LTR1]

8 27-3-13. (1) The chairman of the commission is hereby  
9 empowered to employ a secretary to the commission, and such  
10 accountants, appraisers, inspectors, timber estimators, engineers,  
11 valuation experts, clerical help, stenographers, and such other  
12 assistants \* \* \* as he may deem necessary to the proper discharge  
13 of the duties of the State Tax Commission, to prescribe their  
14 duties and to fix the compensation of each employee. Such  
15 employees may be used interchangeably in the administration of the  
16 various duties imposed by law upon the commission in its several  
17 departments. Further, the chairman may designate any ten (10)  
18 employees of the commission to be law enforcement officers, as  
19 defined in Section 45-6-3, with police powers to enforce any laws  
20 administered by the commission. Temporary employees of the  
21 classes enumerated above may be employed as hereinabove, when in  
22 the opinion of the chairman a seasonal press of business requires,  
23 except that such temporary employees shall be retained no longer  
24 than is necessary to the discharge of the duties imposed by law  
25 upon the commission.

26 (2) The Attorney General shall be counsel and attorney for  
27 the commission and shall provide legal services as may be

28 requested. The Attorney General shall be counsel and attorney for  
29 the commission in all actions, proceedings and hearings.

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