

By: Senator(s) Mettetal

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2996

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-19-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON
3 JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 9-19-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-19-1. The Commission on Judicial Performance shall consist
8 of the following members:

9 (a) One (1) circuit court judge to be appointed by the
10 Conference of Circuit Court Judges;

11 (b) One (1) chancellor to be appointed by the
12 Conference of Chancery Court Judges;

13 (c) One (1) county court judge to be appointed by the
14 Conference of County Court Judges;

15 (d) One (1) justice court judge to be appointed by the
16 Mississippi Justice Court Officers Association;

17 (e) One (1) municipal court judge to be appointed by
18 the Mississippi Municipal Judges Association;

19 (f) One (1) practicing attorney to be appointed by the
20 Governing Board of The Mississippi Bar; and

21 (g) Two (2) lay persons who shall not be residents of
22 the same Supreme Court district to be appointed by the Chief
23 Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi. One of such lay
24 persons shall be appointed from a list submitted by the
25 Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association and one (1) of such lay
26 persons shall be appointed from a list submitted by the

27 Mississippi Prosecutors Association. Each of such lists shall
28 contain the names of three (3) or more qualified persons.

29 An alternate for each member shall be selected at the time
30 and in the manner prescribed for initial appointments in each
31 representative class to replace those members who might be
32 disqualified or absent.

33 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective upon the
34 ratification of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. ____, 2001 Regular
35 Session, by the electorate in the election held in November 2002.