

*****Adopted***
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill NO. 2980

By Representative(s) Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-1-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-1-15. (1) All appointments of conservation officers
8 shall be under rules adopted and promulgated by the commission.
9 No person shall be appointed from and after July 1, 2001, unless
10 he meets the following requirements:

11 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; * * *

12 (b) Has passed the required examination by correctly
13 answering at least seventy percent (70%) of the questions on the
14 examination * * *. The examination shall embrace the applicant's
15 knowledge of the state game and fish laws, cattle theft laws and
16 litter laws, and the duties and responsibilities of a conservation
17 officer; and

18 (c) Has successfully completed sixty-four (64) semester
19 hours at an accredited community college or university or has an
20 associate degree from an accredited community college.

21 (2) Each applicant, prior to entering into performance of

22 his duties, at the expense of the department, shall attend and
23 complete an appropriate curriculum in the field of law enforcement
24 at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy or
25 other training academy whose curriculum complies with requirements
26 of the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.
27 Conservation officers shall, on a periodic basis, be required to
28 successfully complete additional advanced courses in law
29 enforcement in order that they will be properly improved and
30 trained in the modern, technical advances of law enforcement.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2001.