

By: Representative Grist

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1311

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL FROM RUNNING FOR SHERIFF  
3 BEFORE EXPIRATION OF TEN YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT OR TERMINATION;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-3-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-3-11. No member of the patrol shall, while in such  
9 position, be a candidate for any political office or take part in  
10 or contribute any money or other things of value, directly or  
11 indirectly, to any political campaign or to any candidate for  
12 public office. No member of the patrol may be a candidate for the  
13 office of sheriff until ten (10) years after the member retires or  
14 otherwise terminates employment with the patrol. Anyone violating  
15 this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon final  
16 conviction shall be punished as provided by law, and shall be  
17 dismissed from the patrol.

18 It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit or attempt to  
19 solicit any money or thing of value from any employee of the  
20 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol for political purposes. Any  
21 person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
22 and upon final conviction shall be punished as provided by law.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 2002.

