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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DEADLINES FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF THE FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
3 1386, REGULAR SESSION OF 2002, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE NEW
4 SECTION 25-11-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD
5 OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO DESIGN A
6 PLAN OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIREES; TO
7 PROVIDE THAT THE PLAN SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE BOARD
8 DETERMINES THAT THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE RETIREMENT
9 SYSTEM CAN BE REDUCED BY ONE PERCENT WITHOUT CAUSING THE UNFUNDED
10 LIABILITY PERIOD FOR THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS;
11 TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLAN SHALL INITIALLY HAVE BENEFITS EQUIVALENT
12 TO THOSE IN THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN;
13 TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY MODIFY THE PLAN AS NECESSARY TO MEET
14 THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PLAN AND TO MAINTAIN THE FISCAL
15 SOUNDNESS OF THE PLAN; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY OFFER AN
16 OPTIONAL PLAN TO RETIREES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE; TO
17 PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT OF RETIREES WHO DECLINE COVERAGE UNDER
18 THE PLAN OR WHO ELECT CONTINUING COVERAGE UNDER COBRA; TO PROVIDE
19 THAT THE BOARD SHALL SUBSIDIZE A PORTION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING
20 THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO RETIREES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMOUNT
21 OF SUBSIDY; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH EMPLOYER SHALL PAY MONTHLY AN
22 AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2.5% OF THE TOTAL PAYROLL OF THE EMPLOYER THAT IS
23 ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
24 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE
25 PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD IN A FUND AND
26 UTILIZED BY THE BOARD TO SUBSIDIZE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
27 REQUIRED TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT; TO GRANT THE BOARD CERTAIN
28 POWERS AND DUTIES WITH REGARD TO THE PLAN; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION
29 TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 25-11-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
30 PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE INSURANCE
31 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-11-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
32 1972, MAY BE INVESTED; TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-123, MISSISSIPPI
33 CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO REDUCE THE EMPLOYER'S
34 CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY ONE PERCENT AFTER
35 THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE CAN BE
36 REDUCED BY THAT AMOUNT WITHOUT CAUSING THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY
37 PERIOD FOR THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS; TO AMEND
38 SECTIONS 25-15-3, 25-15-9, 25-15-11, 25-15-15 AND 25-15-103,
39 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS THAT AUTHORIZE
40 RETIREES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LIFE AND
41 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE
42 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTED STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS
43 ELIGIBLE FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER LEAVING OFFICE WILL
44 CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH
45 INSURANCE PLAN AND NOT IN THE NEW PLAN FOR RETIREES; TO AMEND
46 SECTION 25-11-141, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE
47 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
49 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That the Joint



50 Rules of the House and the Senate, including all the deadlines and
51 other provisions imposed by Joint Rule No. 40, are suspended for
52 the purpose of permitting the further consideration and passage of
53 House Bill 1386, Regular Session of 2002, entitled "AN ACT TO
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