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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  
54 CREATE NEW SECTION 25-11-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE  
55 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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