By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2680

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD WHO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY AS COMPENSATION FOR HIS OR HER SERVICES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR

5 RELATED PURPOSES.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 37-6-13. Each person serving as a member of the school board
- 10 of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount of
- 11 Sixty-seven Dollars (\$67.00) for no more than thirty-six (36)
- 12 meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year or, in
- 13 his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as
- 14 compensation for his or her services an annual salary in the
- 15 amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), which
- 16 choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or periods
- 17 of service of that member. The receipt of an annual salary as
- 18 compensation for his or her services shall not entitle any member
- 19 of a school board to receive or be eligible for any state employee
- 20 group insurance * * * or other fringe benefits except retirement.
- 21 Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses and
- 22 mileage in attending meetings of the school board. In addition to
- 23 the foregoing, all members may be reimbursed for mileage and
- 24 actual expenses incurred in the further performance of their
- 25 duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board
- 26 training session or at regional and national education meetings,
- 27 when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board
- 28 prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be

- 29 submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this
- 30 section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section
- 31 25-3-41.
- 32 Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by
- 33 pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school
- 34 district involved against the funds available for payment of the
- 35 administrative expense of said district.
- 36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 37 and after July 1, 2002.