

By: Representative Guice

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 102

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 RESTRICT THE LIST OF PROFESSIONALS WITH WHOM A COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS MAY CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 19-3-69. (1) The board of supervisors of each county may,  
9 in its discretion, contract with certain professionals when the  
10 board determines that such professional services are necessary and  
11 in the best interest of the county.

12 The board of supervisors shall spread upon its minutes its  
13 finding that the professional services are necessary and in the  
14 best interest of the county. The contract for professional  
15 services shall be approved by the attorney for the board of  
16 supervisors and made a part of the minutes.

17 A professional within the meaning of this section shall be  
18 limited to:

19 (a) Attorneys at law, admitted to practice law in this  
20 state by the State Board of Bar Admissions;

21 (b) Accountants, certified by the State Board of Public  
22 Accountancy;

23 (c) Architects, licensed by the State Board of  
24 Architecture;

25 (d) Engineers, registered by the State Board of  
26 Registration for Professional Engineers;

27 (e) Physicians, licensed by the State Board of Medical  
28 Licensure;



29                   (f) Appraisers, licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate  
30 Commission or as otherwise provided by law;

31                   (g) Real estate brokers, licensed by the Mississippi  
32 Real Estate Commission;

33                   (h) In the sale of personal property pursuant to the  
34 provisions of Section 19-7-5, auctioneers who meet standards  
35 established by the State Department of Audit.

36                   (2) The list of professionals with whom a county board of  
37 supervisors may contract under subsection (1) of this section is  
38 exclusive, and a board of supervisors may not contract with any  
39 professional except a professional listed in subsection (1) of  
40 this section.

41                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 2003.

