

By: Representative McBride

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 926
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
3 STANDARDS AND TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-6-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 45-6-5. (1) There is hereby created the Board on Law
8 Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, which shall consist of
9 seventeen (17) members.

10 (2) The Governor shall appoint five (5) members of the board
11 from the following specified categories:

12 (a) Two (2) members, each to be a chief of police of a
13 municipality in this state, with one (1) of such municipalities
14 having a population of less than one thousand two hundred (1,200)
15 according to the latest federal decennial census.

16 (b) One (1) member shall be a sheriff in this state.

17 (c) One (1) member shall be a district attorney in this
18 state.

19 (d) One (1) member shall be a representative of higher
20 education.

21 The initial appointments to the board shall be made by the
22 Governor no later than twenty (20) days after the effective date
23 of this chapter, as follows: the chief of police and the
24 representative of higher education each shall be appointed for a
25 term of two (2) years; and the sheriff and the district attorney
26 each shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Upon the
27 expiration of the terms of the initial appointees to the board,



28 each subsequent appointment shall be made for a term of three (3)
29 years, beginning on the date of the expiration of the previous
30 term. A vacancy in any appointed position on the board prior to
31 the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment of the
32 Governor only for the balance of the unexpired term.

33 (3) The remaining twelve (12) members of the board shall be
34 the following:

35 (a) The Attorney General.

36 (b) The Director of the Mississippi Highway Safety
37 Patrol.

38 (c) The President of the Mississippi Municipal
39 Association or his designee.

40 (d) The President of the Mississippi Association of
41 Supervisors or his designee.

42 (e) The President of the Mississippi Constable
43 Association or his designee and such member shall be a certified
44 law enforcement officer.

45 (f) The President of the Mississippi Police Benevolent
46 Association or his designee.

47 (g) The President of the Mississippi Law Enforcement
48 Officers Association or his designee.

49 (h) The President of the Central State Troopers
50 Coalition or his designee.

51 (i) A nonsupervisory, rank and file, law enforcement
52 officer appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

53 (j) A nonsupervisory, rank and file, law enforcement
54 officer appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

55 (k) The President of the Mississippi Campus Law
56 Enforcement Officers Association or his designee.

57 (l) The President of the Fraternal Order of Police or
58 his designee.

59 The Attorney General, the Director of the Mississippi Highway
60 Safety Patrol and the respective presidents of the foregoing



61 associations shall serve only for their respective terms of
62 office.

63 (4) Members of the board shall serve without compensation,
64 but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual and
65 reasonable expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such
66 service, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

67 (5) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the
68 board, elected by and from the membership of the board. The board
69 shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for
70 meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business, but
71 the board shall meet at least every three (3) months.

72 (6) The Governor shall call an organizational meeting of the
73 board not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of
74 this chapter.

75 (7) The board shall report annually to the Governor and the
76 Legislature on its activities, and may make such other reports as
77 it deems desirable.

78 (8) The training officers of all police academies in the
79 state whose curricula are approved by the board shall be advisors
80 to the board. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the
81 board members, including travel expenses and subsistence, but
82 shall not be eligible to vote at board meetings.

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

