

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1097

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 41-3-1. (1) The present members of the State Board of  
8 Health shall continue to serve until their terms expire. As a  
9 board member's term expires, the new appointee shall be selected  
10 based on the following consideration of an appointee's residence  
11 so that by July 1, 2008, the board shall be reconstituted as  
12 follows:

13 There is \* \* \* created the State Board of Health, which shall  
14 consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Governor, with  
15 the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows: (a) twelve (12)  
16 of the members of the board shall be selected according to the  
17 congressional districts as constituted on January 1, 2003, each  
18 congressional district being represented by three (3) members, and  
19 (b) one (1) member of the board shall be selected from the state  
20 at large. The members so appointed shall either be engaged  
21 professionally in rendering health services or shall be consumers  
22 of health services who have no financial interest in any provider  
23 thereof. All appointees shall be persons knowledgeable in at  
24 least one (1) of the matters of jurisdiction of the board.

25 Appointees who are selected because they engage  
26 professionally in rendering health services shall be selected to  
27 represent a wide range of interests in the area of rendering



28 health services. Of the total members of the board, no more than  
29 nine (9) shall be persons engaged professionally in rendering  
30 health services. Of those nine (9) members, no more than two (2)  
31 may be engaged professionally in rendering the same general type  
32 of health services or possess the same type of graduate degree.

33 (2) A member of the board shall serve for a term of six (6)  
34 years from the expiration of the previous term and thereafter  
35 until his or her successor is duly appointed. Vacancies in office  
36 shall be filled by appointment of the Governor in the same manner  
37 as the appointment to the position which becomes vacant, subject  
38 to the advice and consent of the Senate at the next regular  
39 session of the Legislature. An appointment to fill a vacancy  
40 other than by expiration of a term of office shall be for the  
41 balance of the unexpired term and thereafter until his or her  
42 successor is duly appointed.

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

