

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

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
16 (12) of the members of the board shall be selected according to
17 the congressional districts as constituted on January 1, 2003,
18 each congressional district being represented by three (3)
19 members, and (b) one (1) member of the board shall be selected
20 from the state at large. The members so appointed shall either be
21 engaged professionally in rendering health services or shall be
22 consumers of health services who have no financial interest in any
23 provider thereof. All appointees shall be persons knowledgeable
24 in at 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 four (4)
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.

