

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2338

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL
3 BE FROM THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, AND TO
4 CLARIFY QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

14 There is hereby created the State Board of Health which shall
15 consist of thirteen (13) members, appointed by the Governor with
16 the advice and consent of the Senate, as hereinafter set forth:

17 (a) twelve (12) of the members of the board shall be selected
18 according to the congressional districts as constituted on January
19 1, 2003, each congressional district being represented by three
20 (3) members, and (b) one (1) member of the board shall be selected
21 from the state at large. The members so appointed shall either be
22 engaged professionally in rendering health services or shall be
23 consumers of health services who have no financial interest in any
24 provider thereof. All appointees shall be persons knowledgeable
25 in at least one (1) of the matters of jurisdiction of the board.
26 Appointees who are selected because they engage professionally in
27 rendering health services shall be selected to represent a wide
28 range of interests in the area of rendering health services. Of



29 the total members of the board, no more than nine (9) shall be
30 persons engaged professionally in rendering health services. Of
31 those nine (9) members, no more than four (4) may be engaged
32 professionally in rendering the same general type of health
33 services or possess the same type of graduate degree.

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

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

