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To: Insurance

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2383

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL  
3 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-11-251. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Fire  
9 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board. The board  
10 shall consist of nine (9) members. The Commissioner of Insurance  
11 and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve as ex  
12 officio members. The Director of the State Fire Academy shall  
13 serve as secretary to the board.

14 (2) \* \* \* Seven (7) members of the Mississippi Fire  
15 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board \* \* \* shall be  
16 selected as follows:

17 (a) Three (3) full-time paid fire fighters below the  
18 rank of chief \* \* \* selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters  
19 Association;

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21 (b) Three (3) career fire chiefs \* \* \* selected by the  
22 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association \* \* \*;

23 (c) One (1) full-time paid fire instructor selected by  
24 the Mississippi Fire Instructors Association \* \* \*.

25 The initial terms of members in each category selected in  
26 paragraphs (a) and (b) \* \* \* shall be staggered: one (1) member  
27 in each category shall serve a term of one (1) year; one (1)  
28 member in each category shall serve a term of two (2) years; one



29 (1) member in each category shall serve a term of three (3) years.  
30 After the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three  
31 (3) years.

32 \* \* \*

33 No member selected under this subsection shall serve more  
34 than two (2) terms. Any member missing three (3) consecutive  
35 meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the board. A  
36 vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by  
37 selection in the same manner and for the balance of the unexpired  
38 term.

39 (3) During his term, a member of the board shall not serve as  
40 a member of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

41 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from  
42 its membership.

43 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative  
44 support for the board.

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

