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To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2717

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT IN COUNTIES HAVING TWO COURT DISTRICTS AND A CERTAIN  
3 POPULATION IN WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY HAS  
4 ELECTED TO HAVE TWO REGULAR MEETINGS EACH MONTH, THE PLACE FOR  
5 HOLDING SUCH MEETINGS MAY BE IN EITHER OF SUCH DISTRICTS OR MAY BE  
6 ALTERNATED BETWEEN EACH OF THE TWO DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 19-3-13. In counties having two (2) court districts, the  
12 board of supervisors shall hold regular meetings on the first  
13 Monday of each month; and in such counties where only one (1)  
14 regular meeting of the board of supervisors is held in each month,  
15 the board of supervisors shall hold its first meeting in each year  
16 at the courthouse or in the chancery clerk's office, where the  
17 chancery clerk's office is in a building separate from the  
18 courthouse, of the first district, on the first Monday of January,  
19 and shall hold its second meeting at the courthouse or in the  
20 chancery clerk's office, where the chancery clerk's office is in a  
21 building separate from the courthouse, of the second district, on  
22 the first Monday of February, and shall alternate thereafter.

23 In counties having two (2) court districts, the board of  
24 supervisors may hold two (2) regular meetings in each month, and  
25 in such counties, where the board of supervisors elects to hold  
26 two (2) regular meetings in each month, the board of supervisors  
27 shall hold its first meeting in each month at the courthouse or in  
28 the chancery clerk's office, where the chancery clerk's office is  
29 in a building separate from the courthouse, of the first district,



30 on the first Monday of each month, and shall hold its second  
31 meeting at the courthouse or in the chancery clerk's office, where  
32 the chancery clerk's office is in a building separate from the  
33 courthouse, of the second district, on the second Monday of each  
34 month.

35 If the board of supervisors in any such county shall elect to  
36 hold two (2) regular meetings in each month, as herein provided,  
37 the board shall enter an order upon its minutes to that effect and  
38 shall give at least five (5) days' notice thereof by posting  
39 copies of such notice at the courthouse door of each district, and  
40 after giving such notice the board shall hold regular meetings  
41 each month in each district as provided in this section.

42 However, in counties having two (2) court districts where the  
43 board of supervisors has heretofore pursuant to law elected to  
44 hold two (2) regular meetings a month, the board of supervisors  
45 may continue to hold two (2) such regular meetings each month, as  
46 heretofore provided for, and no further order or notice of such  
47 meetings shall be required.

48 Moreover, in those counties having two (2) judicial  
49 districts, where the act creating the two (2) districts provides  
50 otherwise, the board of supervisors may continue to hold regular  
51 meetings as required by the act creating the two (2) districts.

52 In any county having two (2) court districts and a population  
53 in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000) according to the  
54 federal decennial census of 1970, the board of supervisors shall  
55 hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month and may  
56 elect to hold an additional regular meeting on the second Monday  
57 of each month. The meetings shall be held at the courthouse in  
58 the first or second district or, where the chancery clerk's office  
59 is in a building separate from the courthouse, in the chancery  
60 clerk's office of that district. The board of supervisors, in its  
61 discretion, may alternate such meetings between the first and



62 second districts or may hold all such meetings in only one (1) of  
63 such districts.

64 If the board of supervisors in any such county elects to hold  
65 two (2) regular meetings in each month, as herein provided, the  
66 board shall enter an order upon its minutes to that effect and  
67 shall give at least five (5) days' notice thereof by posting  
68 copies of such notice at the courthouse door of each district.

69 When any such meeting date falls on a legal holiday, then the  
70 said meeting shall be held on the succeeding day.

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

