HOUSE BILL NO. 292

1   AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-63 AND 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI
2   CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISIONS
3   OF LAW WHICH PROVIDE THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY AND
4   JUNIOR COLLEGES AND THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF
5   TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED
6   PURPOSES.

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

8   **SECTION 1.** Section 37-29-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

9   amended as follows:

10   37-29-63. The president of any community/junior college, or

11 such other person designated or authorized by the board of

12 trustees, shall have the power to recommend to the board of

13 trustees all teachers to be employed in the district. The

14 president may remove or suspend any member of the faculty subject

15 to the approval of the trustees. He shall be the general manager

16 of all fiscal and administrative affairs of the district with full

17 authority to select, direct, employ and discharge any and all

18 employees other than teachers; however, the board may make

19 provisions and establish policies for leave for faculty members

20 and other key personnel.

21   The president shall have the authority, subject to the

22 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 and the approval

23 of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix

24 schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the

25 governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general

26 custodian of the property of the district.

27   This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2006.

28   **SECTION 2.** Section 37-29-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

29 amended as follows:

30   37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be

31 the general government of the community/junior college and

32 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to the

33 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall

34 have full power to do all things necessary to the successful

35 operation of the district and the college or colleges or

36 attendance centers located therein to insure educational

37 advantages and opportunities to all the enrollees within the

38 district. The board of trustees shall be authorized to designate

39 a personnel supervisor or other person employed by the district to

40 recommend teachers and to transmit such recommendations to the

41 board of trustees; however, this authorization shall be restricted

42 to no more than two (2) positions for each employment period in

43 the district.

44   This subsection shall be repealed on July 1, 2006.

45   (2) The delineation and enumeration of the powers and

46 purposes set out in Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 shall be

47 deemed to be supplemental and additional, and shall not be

48 construed to restrict the powers of the board of trustees of the

49 district or of any college located therein so as to deny to the

50 said district and the college or colleges therein the rights,

51 privileges, and powers previously authorized by statute.

52   (3) The board of trustees shall have the power to contract,

53 on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy

54 efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section

55 31-7-14, not to exceed ten (10) years.

56   (4) The board of trustees shall be authorized with the

57 approval of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, to

58 change the name of the junior college to community college. The

59 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall establish

60 guidelines for the implementation of any junior college name

61 change. Any reference to junior college district in this chapter

62 shall hereinafter refer to the junior college district or its

63 successor in name as changed by the board of trustees.

64   **SECTION 3**. This act shall take effect and be in force from

65 and after July 1, 2004.