

By: Representative Pierce

To: Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 305

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-3-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE PEER COMMITTEE; TO
3 AMEND SECTION 5-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE
4 PRECEDING PROVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 5-3-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 5-3-55. The committee shall be composed of eight (8) members
9 from the Senate and eight (8) members from the House of
10 Representatives, two (2) from each of the congressional districts
11 of the State of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 2004, to
12 be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives for a term concurrent with their term in
14 their respective house. * * * The Lieutenant Governor and Speaker
15 shall make their respective appointments within fifteen (15) days
16 after the first calendar day of the regular session in the first
17 year of each four-year term. No member of the committee shall
18 serve as a member of * * * any other state governmental board or
19 commission. * * *

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21 **SECTION 2.** Section 5-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
22 amended as follows:

23 5-3-69. There shall be no business transacted, including
24 adoption of rules or procedure, without the presence of a quorum
25 of the committee. A quorum shall be ten (10) members, to consist
26 of five (5) members from the Senate and five (5) members from the
27 House of Representatives, and no action shall be valid unless
28 approved by the majority of those members present and voting, and

29 entered upon the minutes of the committee and signed by the
30 chairman and vice chairman. All actions of the committee shall be
31 approved by at least five (5) Senate members and five (5) House
32 members.

33 The committee shall meet at the time and place as designated
34 by the majority vote of the members; however, a special meeting
35 may be called by the chairman or by a petition signed by no less
36 than six (6) members. No action taken by the committee at any
37 special meeting shall be valid unless each member has been given
38 at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of the meeting, along with
39 a statement of the business to be considered, and unless the
40 action is entered upon the minutes of the committee and signed by
41 the chairman.

42 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after its passage.