

By: Representative Pierce

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 305  
(As Passed the House)

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, *one (1) from each of the congressional districts*  
11 *of the State of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 1996, and*  
12 three (3) from the state at large, to be appointed by the  
13 Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives for a term concurrent with their term in their  
15 respective house. \* \* \* The Lieutenant Governor and Speaker shall  
16 make their respective appointments within fifteen (15) days after  
17 the first calendar day of the regular session in the first year of  
18 each four-year term. No member of the committee shall serve as a  
19 member of \* \* \* any other state governmental board or  
20 commission. \* \* \*

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

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

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

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

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