

By: Representative Green

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-4-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
3 FISHERIES AND PARKS SHALL SERVE AT THE WILL AND PLEASURE OF THE
4 GOVERNOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-4-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-4-6. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi
9 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, whose principal
10 office shall be located in Jackson, Mississippi.

11 (2) The department shall be headed by an executive director
12 who shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall serve at the
13 will and pleasure of the Governor. * * * The executive director
14 may assign those powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry
15 out the department's lawful functions. * * *

16 (3) The executive director shall appoint heads, who will
17 serve at the pleasure of the executive director.

18 (4) The executive director shall have the authority to
19 organize the department as deemed appropriate to carry out the
20 responsibilities of the department. The organizational charts of
21 the department shall be presented annually with the budget request
22 of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

23 (5) The executive director shall develop and implement a
24 merit promotion system for all sworn law enforcement officers.
25 Promotion to higher rank shall be based on an individual's merit
26 and length of service. The executive director shall implement the
27 merit promotion system before July 1, 1995.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2004.