

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1494

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO BE BOARD CERTIFIED IN
3 FORENSIC PATHOLOGY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-61-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 41-61-55. There is * * * created the position of State
8 Medical Examiner, to be established as herein provided under the
9 appointment by and supervision of the Commissioner of Public
10 Safety.

11 Each applicant for the position of State Medical Examiner
12 shall, as a minimum, be a physician who is eligible for a license
13 to practice medicine in Mississippi and be board certified in
14 forensic pathology * * *.

15 The State Medical Examiner may be removed by the commissioner
16 only for inefficiency or other good cause, after written notice
17 and a hearing complying with due process of law.

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