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To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2345

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT IN COUNTIES HAVING TWO COURT DISTRICTS AND A CERTAIN
3 POPULATION IN WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY HAS
4 ELECTED TO HAVE TWO REGULAR MEETINGS EACH MONTH, THE PLACE FOR
5 HOLDING SUCH MEETINGS MAY BE IN EITHER OF SUCH DISTRICTS OR MAY BE
6 ALTERNATED BETWEEN EACH OF THE TWO DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 19-3-13. In counties having two (2) court districts, the
12 board of supervisors shall hold regular meetings on the first
13 Monday of each month; and in such counties where only one (1)
14 regular meeting of the board of supervisors is held in each month,
15 the board of supervisors shall hold its first meeting in each year
16 at the courthouse or in the chancery clerk's office, where the
17 chancery clerk's office is in a building separate from the
18 courthouse, of the first district, on the first Monday of January,
19 and shall hold its second meeting at the courthouse or in the
20 chancery clerk's office, where the chancery clerk's office is in a
21 building separate from the courthouse, of the second district, on
22 the first Monday of February, and shall alternate thereafter.

23 In counties having two (2) court districts, the board of
24 supervisors may hold two (2) regular meetings in each month, and
25 in such counties, where the board of supervisors elects to hold
26 two (2) regular meetings in each month, the board of supervisors
27 shall hold its first meeting in each month at the courthouse or in
28 the chancery clerk's office, where the chancery clerk's office is
29 in a building separate from the courthouse, of the first district,

30 on the first Monday of each month, and shall hold its second
31 meeting at the courthouse or in the chancery clerk's office, where
32 the chancery clerk's office is in a building separate from the
33 courthouse, of the second district, on the second Monday of each
34 month.

35 If the board of supervisors in any such county shall elect to
36 hold two (2) regular meetings in each month, as herein provided,
37 the board shall enter an order upon its minutes to that effect and
38 shall give at least five (5) days' notice thereof by posting
39 copies of such notice at the courthouse door of each district, and
40 after giving such notice the board shall hold regular meetings
41 each month in each district as provided in this section.

42 However, in counties having two (2) court districts where the
43 board of supervisors has heretofore pursuant to law elected to
44 hold two (2) regular meetings a month, the board of supervisors
45 may continue to hold two (2) such regular meetings each month, as
46 heretofore provided for, and no further order or notice of such
47 meetings shall be required.

48 Moreover, in those counties having two (2) judicial
49 districts, where the act creating the two (2) districts provides
50 otherwise, the board of supervisors may continue to hold regular
51 meetings as required by the act creating the two (2) districts.

52 In any county having two (2) court districts and a population
53 in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000) according to the
54 federal decennial census of 1970, the board of supervisors shall
55 hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month and may
56 elect to hold an additional regular meeting on the second Monday
57 of each month. The meetings shall be held at the courthouse in
58 the first or second district or, where the chancery clerk's office
59 is in a building separate from the courthouse, in the chancery
60 clerk's office of that district. The board of supervisors, in its
61 discretion, may alternate such meetings between the first and

62 second districts or may hold all such meetings in only one (1) of
63 such districts.

64 If the board of supervisors in any such county elects to hold
65 two (2) regular meetings in each month, as herein provided, the
66 board shall enter an order upon its minutes to that effect and
67 shall give at least five (5) days' notice thereof by posting
68 copies of such notice at the courthouse door of each district.

69 When any such meeting date falls on a legal holiday, then the
70 said meeting shall be held on the succeeding day.

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