

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2393

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL
3 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-11-251. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Fire
9 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board. The board
10 shall consist of ten (10) members. The Commissioner of Insurance
11 and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve as ex
12 officio members. The Director of the State Fire Academy shall
13 serve as secretary to the board.

14 (2) * * * Eight (8) members of the Mississippi Fire
15 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board * * * shall be
16 selected as follows:

17 (a) Three (3) full-time paid fire fighters below the
18 rank of chief * * * selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters
19 Association;

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21 (b) Three (3) career fire chiefs * * * selected by the
22 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association * * *;

23 The initial terms of members in each category selected in
24 paragraphs (a) and (b) * * * shall be staggered: One (1) member
25 in each category shall serve a term of one (1) year; one (1)
26 member in each category shall serve a term of two (2) years * * *.
27 After the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three
28 (3) years.

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30 (c) One (1) full-time paid fire instructor from a
31 career fire department * * * selected by the Mississippi Fire
32 Fighters Association * * *; and

33 (d) * * * One (1) member of the volunteer fire service
34 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.

35 No member selected under this subsection shall serve more
36 than two (2) consecutive terms. Any member missing three (3)
37 consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the
38 board. A vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be
39 filled by selection in the same manner and for the balance of the
40 unexpired term.

41 (3) During his term, a member of the board shall not serve
42 as a member of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

43 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from
44 its membership.

45 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative
46 support for the board.

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