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To: Insurance

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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 eleven (11) members. The Commissioner of
11 Insurance and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve
12 as ex officio members. The Director of the State Fire Academy
13 shall serve as secretary to the board.

14 (2) * * * Nine (9) members of the Mississippi Fire Personnel
15 Minimum Standards and Certification Board * * * shall be selected
16 as follows:

17 (a) Two (2) full-time paid fire fighters below the rank
18 of chief * * * selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters
19 Association;

20 (b) One (1) full-time fire fighter below the rank of
21 fire chief * * * selected by the Professional Fire Fighters
22 Association of Mississippi;

23 (c) Three (3) career fire chiefs * * * selected by the
24 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association * * *;

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

29 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three (3)
30 years.

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32 (d) One (1) full-time paid certified fire instructor
33 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Service Instructors
34 Association; * * *

35 (e) One (1) full-time paid fire investigator from a
36 paid department selected by the Mississippi Fire Investigators
37 Association; and

38 (f) One (1) member of the volunteer fire service
39 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.

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

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

48 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from
49 its membership.

50 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative
51 support for the board.

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