

By: Senator(s) Gollott

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2878

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERRITORY ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY WHERE EACH
3 SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ACCREDITED
4 LEVEL 3 OR HIGHER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE ADDED TO SUCH MUNICIPAL
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-7-103. From and after July 1, 1987, the school board of
10 any school district shall have full jurisdiction, power and
11 authority, at any regular meeting thereof or at any special
12 meeting called for that purpose, to abolish such existing
13 district, or to reorganize, change or alter the boundaries of any
14 such district. Except as otherwise provided herein, with the
15 consent of the school board of the school district involved, the
16 school board may add to such school district any part of the
17 school district adjoining same, and with the consent of the school
18 board of the school district involved, may detach territory from
19 such school district and annex same to an adjoining district.
20 Provided, however, that from and after July 1, 2004, any future
21 changes in the boundaries of a presently existing municipality
22 which extend into a county shall automatically include such added
23 territory within the boundaries of the municipal separate school
24 district embraced by the municipality if each school located in
25 such municipal separate school district is accredited a Level 3
26 school or higher by the State Board of Education.

27 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
28 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,

29 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
30 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
31 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
32 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
33 extended.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
36 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.