

**Withdrawn  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1269**

**BY: Senator(s) Horhn**

1           **AMEND by inserting the following after line 151 and**  
2 **renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:**

3           **SECTION \*.** (1) There is created the State Truth Commission,  
4 hereinafter referred to as the "commission." The commission shall  
5 consist of the following seven (7) members: (a) five (5) members  
6 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the  
7 Senate, with at least one (1) member from each of the Mississippi  
8 congressional districts; (b) one (1) member appointed by the  
9 Lieutenant Governor from the state at large, with the advice and  
10 consent of the Senate; and (c) one (1) member appointed by the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives from the state at large,  
12 with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall  
13 designate one (1) of the members as chairman.

14           (2) (a) The commission shall employ no staff. However, in  
15 conducting the activities of the commission pursuant to this act,  
16 the chairman of the commission may request and receive assistance,  
17 information and data from any agency of the state, any political  
18 subdivision of the state or any public authority of the state.

19           (b) The chairman of the commission may organize the  
20 commission as necessary for the efficient operation of the  
21 commission.

22           (3) The commission has the following powers and duties:

23           (a) To advise and assist the Governor and the  
24 Legislature in developing policies, plans and programs to increase  
25 racial diversity and enhance racial harmony in the state.

26           (b) To foster and promote research and study in the  
27 area of race relations.

28           (c) To investigate, review or take any other action as  
29 it deems necessary to answer complaints or grievances filed with  
30 the commission regarding any state or local government agency or  
31 program.

32           (d) To make recommendations to administrators of state  
33 agencies in keeping with paragraph (a) of this subsection.

34           (e) To visit, inspect and appraise the management of  
35 state and local government programs.

36           (f) To establish procedures to assure the effective  
37 investigation of grievances brought to the attention of the  
38 commission concerning allegations of past or current racial  
39 problems. The procedures shall include receipt of written  
40 complaints, interviews of persons and on-site monitoring of  
41 conditions. In addition, the commission shall establish  
42 procedures for the speedy and impartial review of grievances.

43           (g) To establish and provide for the operation of a  
44 training program for personnel employed by any state or local  
45 government agency or program for voluntary training opportunities.

46           (h) To collect and disseminate statistical and other  
47 information and to undertake research, studies and analyses in  
48 cooperation with any public or private agency.

49           (i) To adopt, amend or rescind the rules and  
50 regulations as necessary to perform the powers and duties of the  
51 commission.

52           (4) The commission may receive gifts, grants and donations  
53 from any public or private sources. Members of the commission may

54 not be compensated for the performance of their duties except from  
55 gifts, grants or donations.

56 **FURTHER, amend the title by inserting the following after the**  
57 **semicolon on line 3:**

58 TO CREATE THE STATE TRUTH COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE POWERS AND  
59 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION;