

By: Representative Peranich

To: Judiciary A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 984

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-4-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE MEMBERS AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY COUNTY,  
3 MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT  
4 ADMINISTER PUBLIC FUNDS TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST  
5 WITH THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 25-4-25. Each of the following individuals shall file a  
10 statement of economic interest with the commission in accordance  
11 with the provisions of this chapter:

12 (a) Persons elected by popular vote, excluding United  
13 States Senators and United States Representatives, to any office,  
14 whether it be legislative, executive or judicial, and whether it  
15 be statewide, district, county, municipal or any other political  
16 subdivision, with the exception of members of boards of levee  
17 commissioners and election commissioners;

18 (b) Members and governing authorities of any county,  
19 municipality or other political subdivision of the state,  
20 including any board, agency, commission, district or other  
21 instrumentality thereof, that administer public funds, regardless  
22 of whether such members are elected or appointed;

23 (c) Persons who are candidates for public office or who  
24 are appointed to fill a vacancy in an office who, if elected,  
25 would be required to file under paragraph (a) of this section;

26 (d) Executive directors or heads of state agencies, by  
27 whatever name they are designated, who are paid in part or in  
28 whole, directly or indirectly, from funds appropriated or

29 authorized to be expended by the Legislature, and the presidents  
30 and trustees of all state-supported colleges, universities and  
31 junior colleges;

32 (e) Members of any state board, commission or agency,  
33 including the Mississippi Ethics Commission, charged with the  
34 administration or expenditure of public funds, with the exception  
35 of advisory boards or commissions; provided, however, in order to  
36 fulfill the legislative purposes of this chapter, the commission  
37 may require, upon a majority vote, the filing of a statement of  
38 economic interest by members of an advisory board or commission.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2005.