

By: Representative Franks

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY A MAJORITY  
3 VOTE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS MAY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PER  
4 DIEM OR THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL SALARY OF MEMBERS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-6-13. (1) (a) Each person serving as a member of the  
10 school board of any school district shall receive per diem in the  
11 amount of Sixty-seven Dollars (\$67.00) for no more than thirty-six  
12 (36) meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year  
13 or, in his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as  
14 compensation for his or her services an annual salary in the  
15 amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), which  
16 choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or periods  
17 of service of that member. The receipt of the compensation shall  
18 not entitle any member of a school board to receive or be eligible  
19 for any state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe  
20 benefits. Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary  
21 expenses and mileage in attending meetings of the school board.  
22 In addition to the foregoing, all members may be reimbursed for  
23 mileage and actual expenses incurred in the further performance of  
24 their duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board  
25 training session or at regional and national education meetings,  
26 when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board  
27 prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be  
28 submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this

29 section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section  
30 25-3-41.

31 (b) Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school  
32 board by pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the  
33 school district involved against the funds available for payment  
34 of the administrative expense of the district.

35 (c) From and after July 1, 2005, the school board of  
36 any school district by a majority vote of the school board members  
37 may increase the amount of per diem or the amount of the annual  
38 salary of members as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

39 (2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent  
40 (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a  
41 calendar year, except for absences caused by required military  
42 duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion  
43 of the total salary paid to the member that year which is  
44 proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in  
45 relation to the total number of school board meetings held during  
46 that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be  
47 given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

48 (b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of  
49 each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board  
50 of Education containing the names of any members of the school  
51 board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board  
52 meetings during the preceding calendar year.

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