

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2273

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE LENGTH OF STAGGERED TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION  
4 BOARD; AND FOR RELATED 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. The Commissioner of  
14 Insurance may appoint a designee to serve in his absence.

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

18 (a) Two (2) full-time paid fire fighters below the rank  
19 of chief selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.  
20 The initial term shall be staggered with one (1) member serving a  
21 two-year term and one (1) member serving a three-year term. After  
22 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be for three  
23 (3) years;

24 (b) One (1) full-time fire fighter below the rank of  
25 fire chief selected by the Professional Fire Fighters Association  
26 of Mississippi;

27 (c) Three (3) career fire chiefs selected by the  
28 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association. The initial term shall be

29 staggered: one (1) member shall serve a term of one (1) year; one  
30 (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years; and one (1) member  
31 shall serve a term of three (3) years. After the expiration of  
32 the initial term, the term shall be for three (3) years;

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34 (d) One (1) full-time paid certified fire  
35 instructor selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Service  
36 Instructors Association. The initial term shall be for one (1)  
37 year. After the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be  
38 for three (3) years;

39 (e) One (1) full-time paid fire investigator from a  
40 paid department selected by the Mississippi Fire Investigators  
41 Association. The initial term shall be for two (2) years. After  
42 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be for three  
43 (3) years; and

44 (f) One (1) member of the volunteer fire service  
45 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association. The  
46 initial term shall be for three (3) years. After the expiration  
47 of the initial term, the term shall be for three (3) years.

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

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

56 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from  
57 its membership.

58 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative  
59 support for the board.

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