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To: Public Utilities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 284

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF EMERGENCY
3 911 DISTRICTS THAT MAY BE APPOINTED; TO ADD A REPEALER ON SUCH
4 SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-5-307. (1) When any district is created, the board of
9 supervisors of the county creating the district may appoint a
10 board of commissioners composed of at least seven (7) members to
11 govern its affairs, and shall fix the domicile of the board at any
12 point within the district. The members of the board shall be
13 qualified electors of the district, two (2) of whom shall be
14 appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) for terms of three
15 (3) years, and two (2) for terms of four (4) years, dating from
16 the date of the adoption of the ordinance creating the district.
17 Thereafter, all appointments of the members shall be for terms of
18 four (4) years.

19 Any county that intersects Interstate Highway 20 and
20 Interstate Highway 55 shall have one (1) appointment to the 911
21 Emergency Commission for each municipality located within such
22 county. However, any such county that intersects Interstate
23 Highway 20 and Interstate Highway 55 and has a municipality with a
24 population of more than twenty thousand (20,000) shall have two
25 (2) appointments to the 911 Emergency Commission. Also, any such
26 county that intersects Interstate Highway 20 and Interstate
27 Highway 55 and has a municipality that has a population of more
28 than one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) shall have five

29 (5) appointments to the 911 Emergency Commission. All
30 appointments for any county that intersects Interstate Highway 20
31 and Interstate Highway 55 shall be residents of the municipality
32 and must be appointed by the mayor of that municipality within
33 such county.

34 (2) The board of commissioners shall have complete and sole
35 authority to appoint a chairman and any other officers it may deem
36 necessary from among the membership of the board of commissioners.

37 (3) A majority of the board of commissioners membership
38 shall constitute a quorum and all official action of the board of
39 commissioners shall require a quorum.

40 (4) The board of commissioners shall have authority to
41 employ such employees, experts and consultants as it may deem
42 necessary to assist the board of commissioners in the discharge of
43 its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

44 (5) In lieu of appointing a board of commissioners, the
45 board of supervisors of the county may serve as the board of
46 commissioners of the district, in which case it shall assume all
47 the powers and duties of the board of commissioners as provided in
48 Section 19-5-301 et seq.

49 (6) All emergency communications districts shall purchase,
50 lease or lease-purchase equipment used to comply with the FCC
51 Order, as defined in Section 19-5-333, from a products and
52 equipment list maintained by the Mississippi Department of
53 Information Technology Services; however, items not available from
54 the list, or items which may be purchased at a lower price, shall
55 be purchased in accordance with the Public Purchasing Law (Section
56 31-7-13).

57 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2009.

58 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
59 and after October 1, 2007.