

HOUSE BILL NO. 299

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 ADMINISTERS OR EXPENDS PUBLIC FUNDS TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC
5 INTEREST WITH THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2006.