

By: Representative Brown

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO DEDUCT FROM THE SALARY
3 OF SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPAL, TEACHER OR OTHER EMPLOYEE CERTAIN
4 DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-9-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-9-49. * * * The superintendent of schools may deduct or
10 permit to be deducted from the salary of any superintendent,
11 principal, teacher or other employee * * * dues * * * payable
12 because of the membership of such superintendent, principal,
13 teacher or other employee in a professional organization or
14 association. Such dues deduction may only be made upon written
15 authorization from a superintendent, principal, teacher or other
16 employee. School boards may develop policies and procedures for
17 implementing this voluntary professional organization or
18 association dues deduction process. Dues or premiums in health
19 associations or corporations and tax sheltered annuity deductions
20 authorized by the United States Internal Revenue Code may be
21 deducted upon written authorization from the superintendent,
22 principal, teacher or other employee involved. Any superintendent
23 of schools who shall make any unauthorized deduction or permit any
24 unauthorized deduction to be made, except those herein provided,
25 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be
26 punished by a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
27 for each such deduction.

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