

By: Senator(s) Williamson, Dawkins

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2533

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEDUCTION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES BY LOCAL  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 37-9-49 \* \* \* The superintendent of schools may deduct or  
8 permit to be deducted from the salary of any superintendent,  
9 principal, teacher or other employee \* \* \* dues \* \* \*  
10 payable \* \* \* because of the membership of such superintendent,  
11 principal, teacher or other employee in a professional  
12 organization or association. Such dues deduction may only be made  
13 upon written authorization from the superintendent, principal,  
14 teacher or other employee. School boards may develop policies and  
15 procedures for implementing this voluntary professional  
16 organization or association dues deduction process. \* \* \* Dues or  
17 premiums in health associations or corporations and tax sheltered  
18 annuity deductions authorized by the United States Internal  
19 Revenue Code may be deducted upon written authorization from the  
20 superintendent, principal, teacher or other employee involved.  
21 Any superintendent of schools who shall make any unauthorized  
22 deduction or permit any unauthorized deduction to be made, except  
23 those herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
24 conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
25 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each such deduction.

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