

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2725

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-4-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN DISTRICT OR COUNTY BOARDS,  
3 COMMISSIONS OR AGENCIES TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST  
4 WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 25-4-25. Each of the following individuals shall file a  
9 statement of economic interest with the commission in accordance  
10 with the provisions of this chapter:

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

17 (b) Members of local school boards that administer  
18 public funds, regardless of whether such members are elected or  
19 appointed;

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

23 (d) Executive directors or heads of state agencies, by  
24 whatever name they are designated, who are paid in part or in  
25 whole, directly or indirectly, from funds appropriated or  
26 authorized to be expended by the Legislature, and the presidents  
27 and trustees of all state-supported colleges, universities and  
28 junior colleges;

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

37           (f) Executive directors or heads of district or county  
38 boards, commissions or agencies, by whatever name they are  
39 designated, who are paid in part or in whole, directly or  
40 indirectly, from funds appropriated or authorized to be expended  
41 by county boards of supervisors.

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