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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2896

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-9-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO MEMBERS FROM THE
3 CITY OF JACKSON TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PEARL
4 RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT FROM A LIST OF SIX NAMES
5 SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 51-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 51-9-107. All powers of the district shall be exercised by a
11 board of directors, to be composed of the following:

12 (a) Each member of the Pearl River Industrial
13 Commission whose county becomes a part of the Pearl River Valley
14 Water Supply District shall be a member of the Board of Directors
15 of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Such directors
16 shall serve on this board during their term of office on the Pearl
17 River Industrial Commission. In addition, the board of
18 supervisors of each county which becomes a part of the district
19 shall appoint one (1) additional member.

20 (b) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members from the
21 City of Jackson from a list of six (6) names to be submitted by
22 the governing authorities of the City of Jackson.

23 (c) The Mississippi Commission on Environmental
24 Quality, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
25 Parks, Forestry Commission and the State Board of Health of the
26 State of Mississippi shall each appoint one (1) director from that
27 department to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pearl River
28 Valley Water Supply District to serve at the pleasure of the
29 respective board appointing him.

30 (d) Each director shall take and subscribe to the oath
31 of office required by Section 268 of the Constitution of the State
32 of Mississippi before a chancery clerk, that he will faithfully
33 discharge the duties of the office, which oath shall be filed with
34 the said clerk and by him preserved.

35 (e) Each director shall receive per diem compensation
36 in the amount as provided in Section 25-3-69 for attending each
37 meeting of the board and for each day spent in attending to the
38 necessary business of the district and shall be reimbursed for
39 actual expenses thus incurred upon express authorization of the
40 board, including travel expenses, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

41 (f) The board of directors shall annually elect from
42 its number a president and a vice president of the district, and
43 such other officers as in the judgment of the board are necessary.
44 The president shall be the chief executive officer of the district
45 and the presiding officer of the board, and shall have the same
46 right to vote as any other director. The vice president shall
47 perform all duties and exercise all powers conferred by this
48 article upon the president when the president is absent or fails
49 or declines to act, except the president's right to vote. The
50 board shall also appoint a secretary and a treasurer who may or
51 may not be members of the board, and it may combine those offices.
52 The treasurer shall give bond in the sum of not less than Fifty
53 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as set by the board of directors and
54 each director shall give bond in the sum of not less than Ten
55 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and the premiums on said bonds
56 shall be an expense of the district. The condition of each such
57 bond shall be that the treasurer or director will faithfully
58 perform all duties of office and account for all money which shall
59 come into his custody as treasurer or director of the district.

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