

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Universities and  
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2915

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT TWO UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS SHALL SERVE  
3 AS NONVOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE  
4 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ON A ROTATING BASIS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-101-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-101-3. (1) The Governor, by and with the advice and  
10 consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of the Board of  
11 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, one (1) member  
12 from each congressional district of the state as existing as of  
13 March 31, 1944, one (1) member from each Supreme Court district  
14 and two (2) members from the state at large, with the terms of  
15 each to begin on May 8, 1944. One-third (1/3) of the membership  
16 of said board so appointed shall be appointed for a period of four  
17 (4) years, one-third (1/3) for a period of eight (8) years and  
18 one-third (1/3) for a period of twelve (12) years. On the  
19 expiration of any of said terms of office the Governor shall  
20 appoint successors, by and with the advice and consent of the  
21 Senate, for terms of twelve (12) years in each case.

22 In addition, there shall be two (2) nonvoting student  
23 advisory board members to serve on the board. Each of the two (2)  
24 student members shall be a current student-body president at one  
25 of the state institutions of higher learning and shall serve a  
26 one-year term to begin on July 1 of each year. The student body  
27 president advisory members shall be rotated among the universities  
28 in the following order: Alcorn State University, Delta State

29 University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State  
30 University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley  
31 State University, University of Mississippi and University of  
32 Southern Mississippi. The Student Body President's Council of  
33 Mississippi (SBPCM) shall coordinate appointments to the nonvoting  
34 student advisory board with the Commissioner of Higher Education.

35 (2) In case of a vacancy on said board by death or  
36 resignation of a member or from any other cause than the  
37 expiration of such member's term of office, the board shall elect  
38 his successor who shall hold office until the end of the next  
39 session of the Legislature. During such term of the session of  
40 the Legislature the Governor shall appoint the successor member of  
41 the board from the district from which his predecessor was  
42 appointed to hold office until the end of the period or term for  
43 which said original trustee was appointed, to the end that  
44 one-third (1/3) of such trustees' terms shall expire each four (4)  
45 years.

46 (3) The Executive Director of the State Board for Community  
47 and Junior Colleges, or his designee, and one (1) member of the  
48 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to be designated by  
49 the chairman of said board, shall attend all regular meetings of  
50 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.  
51 Said community/junior college representatives shall have no  
52 jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of the  
53 board. The Executive Director of the State Board for Community  
54 and Junior Colleges and any designee who is a state employee shall  
55 receive no per diem for attending meetings of the board, but shall  
56 be entitled to actual and necessary expense reimbursement and  
57 mileage for attending meetings at locations other than Jackson,  
58 Mississippi. The designee of the State Board for Community and  
59 Junior Colleges shall receive per diem compensation as authorized  
60 by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for attending said  
61 meetings, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual

62 expense reimbursement and mileage, which shall be paid from funds  
63 appropriated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
64 Higher Learning.

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