

By: Representative Reeves

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF EMERGENCY  
3 911 DISTRICTS THAT MAY BE APPOINTED; TO ADD A REPEALER ON SUCH  
4 SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 19-5-307. (1) When any district is created, the board of  
9 supervisors of the county creating the district may appoint a  
10 board of commissioners composed of at least seven (7) members to  
11 govern its affairs, and shall fix the domicile of the board at any  
12 point within the district. The members of the board shall be  
13 qualified electors of the district, two (2) of whom shall be  
14 appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) for terms of three  
15 (3) years, and two (2) for terms of four (4) years, dating from  
16 the date of the adoption of the ordinance creating the district.  
17 Thereafter, all appointments of the members shall be for terms of  
18 four (4) years.

19 The following municipalities within Hinds County and the  
20 Hinds County Board of Supervisors shall have the following  
21 appointments to the 911 Emergency Commission: (a) Jackson shall  
22 have seven (7) appointments; (b) Clinton shall have one (1)  
23 appointment; (c) Bolton shall have one (1) appointment; (d)  
24 Edwards shall have one (1) appointment; (e) Raymond shall have one  
25 (1) appointment; (f) Utica shall have one (1) appointment; and (g)  
26 Terry shall have one (1) appointment. All appointments from the  
27 municipalities of Hinds County must be appointed by the mayor and  
28 confirmed by the city council or board of aldermen of such county.



29 In addition, the board of supervisors of any county that  
30 intersects Interstate 220 and U.S. Highway 49 shall have one (1)  
31 appointment who must be a nonmunicipal resident of such county and  
32 who is approved by the board of supervisors of such county.

33 (2) The board of commissioners shall have complete and sole  
34 authority to appoint a chairman and any other officers it may deem  
35 necessary from among the membership of the board of commissioners.

36 (3) A majority of the board of commissioners membership  
37 shall constitute a quorum and all official action of the board of  
38 commissioners shall require a quorum.

39 (4) The board of commissioners shall have authority to  
40 employ such employees, experts and consultants as it may deem  
41 necessary to assist the board of commissioners in the discharge of  
42 its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

43 (5) In lieu of appointing a board of commissioners, the  
44 board of supervisors of the county may serve as the board of  
45 commissioners of the district, in which case it shall assume all  
46 the powers and duties of the board of commissioners as provided in  
47 Section 19-5-301 et seq.

48 (6) All emergency communications districts shall purchase,  
49 lease or lease-purchase equipment used to comply with the FCC  
50 Order, as defined in Section 19-5-333, from a products and  
51 equipment list maintained by the Mississippi Department of  
52 Information Technology Services; however, items not available from  
53 the list, or items which may be purchased at a lower price, shall  
54 be purchased in accordance with the Public Purchasing Law (Section  
55 31-7-13).

56 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2010.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after October 1, 2008.

