

By: Representatives Patterson, Guice

To: Interstate Cooperation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-5-5, 5-5-7, 5-5-9 AND 5-5-11,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING
3 INTERSTATE COOPERATION; TO CONFORM TO THE NAME MISSISSIPPI
4 COMMISSION ON COOPERATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 5-5-5. There is hereby established the Mississippi
9 Commission on * * * Cooperation, which shall encourage and arrange
10 conferences with officials of other states and of other
11 self-governed units of government; carry forward the participation
12 of this state as a member of the council of state governments,
13 both regionally and nationally; and formulate proposals for
14 cooperation and such other agreements that may arise between this
15 state and other states or other self-governed units of government,
16 with the exception of the United States of America. No such
17 agreement shall be valid unless first proposed by the commission
18 and approved by the Legislature.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 5-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 amended as follows:

21 5-5-7. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation shall
22 be composed of eleven (11) members, namely:

23 The five (5) members of the committee on * * * cooperation of
24 the Senate;

25 The five (5) members of the committee on * * * cooperation of
26 the House of Representatives; and

27 The Governor.

28 **SECTION 3.** Section 5-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 5-5-9. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation may
31 provide such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the
32 membership and the functioning of the committee. Members of the
33 commission shall be compensated by a per diem as is authorized by
34 law for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and
35 shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in
36 the performance of their duties in accordance with the
37 requirements of Section 25-3-41.

38 **SECTION 4.** Section 5-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 amended as follows:

40 5-5-11. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation
41 shall report to the Governor and to the Legislature within fifteen
42 (15) days after the convening of each regular legislative session,
43 and at such other times as it deems appropriate. Its members
44 shall serve without compensation.

45 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2007.