

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Public Utilities; County
Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2862

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
3 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICTS WHENEVER THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
4 SERVE ON THE BOARD IN LIEU OF APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONERS; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

23 (3) A majority of the board of commissioners membership
24 shall constitute a quorum and all official action of the board of
25 commissioners shall require a quorum.

26 (4) The board of commissioners shall have authority to
27 employ such employees, experts and consultants as it may deem

28 necessary to assist the board of commissioners in the discharge of
29 its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

30 (5) In lieu of appointing a board of commissioners, the
31 board of supervisors of the county and three (3) additional
32 members appointed by the board of supervisors may serve as the
33 board of commissioners of the district and shall assume all the
34 powers and duties of the board of commissioners as provided in
35 Section 19-5-301 et seq. The three (3) additional members
36 appointed by the board of supervisors shall include a member of
37 law enforcement, a member of the fire department and a member of
38 emergency medical services, located within the county.

39 (6) All emergency communications districts shall purchase,
40 lease or lease-purchase equipment used to comply with the FCC
41 Order, as defined in Section 19-5-333, from a products and
42 equipment list maintained by the Mississippi Department of
43 Information Technology Services; however, items not available from
44 the list, or items which may be purchased at a lower price, shall
45 be purchased in accordance with the Public Purchasing Law (Section
46 31-7-13).

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2007.