

By: Representative Sykes

To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES OF ALCORN
3 STATE UNIVERSITY, JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
4 STATE UNIVERSITY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
5 HIGHER LEARNING ON A PERMANENT BASIS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIRED
6 METHOD AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS BY THE GOVERNOR WITH
7 THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 37-101-3. (1) From and after July 1, 2018, the Governor, by
12 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the
13 members of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
14 Learning, * * * four (4) members from each Supreme Court
15 district * * * for a term of nine (9) years, with the terms of
16 each to begin * * * upon the expiration of the term of the
17 appointee's immediate predecessor. * * * In making such
18 appointments to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
19 Higher Learning, the Governor shall ensure that the board's
20 composition permanently includes representation of Alcorn State



21 University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State
22 University by making an appointment of an alumni representative
23 from each aforementioned university. On the expiration of any of
24 said terms of office the Governor shall appoint successors, by and
25 with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms of * * * nine
26 (9) years in each case.

27 The current president, or his/her designee, of the Student
28 Body President's Council of Mississippi (SBPCM) shall have a
29 reserved seat at each meeting of the Board of Trustees of State
30 Institutions of Higher Learning. No less than once a year, the
31 board shall seek the advise and counsel of the student body
32 president's organization.

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



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

63 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
64 and after its passage.

