

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 432

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-4-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH BY
3 ADDING TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY MENTAL
4 HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CENTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-4-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-4-3. (1) There is created a State Board of Mental
9 Health, referred to in this chapter as "board," consisting
10 of * * * eleven (11) members, to be appointed by the Governor,
11 with the advice and consent of the Senate, each of whom shall be a
12 qualified elector.

13 (2) (a) One (1) member shall be appointed from each
14 congressional district as presently constituted; and four (4)
15 members shall be appointed from the state at large, one (1) of
16 whom shall be a licensed medical doctor who is a psychiatrist, one
17 (1) of whom shall hold a Ph.D. degree and be a licensed clinical
18 psychologist, one (1) of whom shall be a licensed medical doctor,
19 and one (1) of whom shall be a social worker with experience in



20 the mental health field. In addition, two (2) members shall be
21 directors of community mental health/intellectual disability
22 centers.

23 (b) No more than two (2) members of the board, other
24 than the directors of community mental health/intellectual
25 disability centers, shall be appointed from any one (1)
26 congressional district as presently constituted.

27 (3) (a) Each member of the initial board shall serve for a
28 term of years represented by the number of his congressional
29 district; two (2) state at large members shall serve for a term of
30 six (6) years; two (2) state at large members shall serve for a
31 term of seven (7) years; subsequent appointments shall be for
32 seven-year terms and the Governor shall fill any vacancy for the
33 unexpired term.

34 (b) The members of the board who are directors of
35 community mental health/intellectual disability centers shall
36 serve for terms of four (4) years beginning on July 1 of the year
37 of appointment. If a member who is the director of a community
38 mental health/intellectual disability center ceases to be the
39 director of a center while serving on the board, his or her
40 membership on the board shall be automatically terminated and the
41 position shall be vacant. The Governor shall fill any vacancy in
42 those positions with the appointment of another director of a
43 community mental health/intellectual disability center for the
44 remainder of the unexpired term.



45 (4) The board shall elect a chairman whose term of office
46 shall be one (1) year and until his successor shall be elected.

47 (* * *5) Each board member shall be entitled to a per diem
48 as is authorized by law and all actual and necessary expenses,
49 including mileage as provided by law, incurred in the discharge of
50 official duties.

51 (* * *6) The board shall hold regular meetings quarterly
52 and such special meetings deemed necessary, except that no action
53 shall be taken unless there is present a quorum of at least * * *
54 six (6) members.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2018.

