

By: Representative Baker

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 704

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE EMPLOYEES
3 THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE MAY DESIGNATE TO BE LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-3-13. The Commissioner of Revenue is empowered to employ
9 such accountants, appraisers, information systems programmers,
10 information systems technicians, information systems managers,
11 clerical help, stenographers, and such other assistants and/or
12 attorneys as he or she may deem necessary to the proper discharge
13 of the duties of the Department of Revenue, to prescribe their
14 duties and to fix the compensation of each employee within the
15 rules, regulations and guidelines of the State Personnel Board.
16 Such employees may be used interchangeably in the administration
17 of the various duties imposed by law upon the commissioner in the
18 several offices of the Department of Revenue. Further, the
19 Commissioner of Revenue may designate any * * * employees of



20 the * * * department to be law enforcement officers, as defined in
21 Section 45-6-3, with police powers to enforce any laws
22 administered by the Department of Revenue. Temporary employees
23 may be employed as hereinabove, when in the opinion of the
24 commissioner a seasonal press of business requires, except that
25 such temporary employees shall be retained no longer than is
26 necessary to the discharge of the duties imposed by law upon the
27 department.

28 The Commissioner of Revenue may require any employee with
29 access to federal tax information to be fingerprinted and the
30 commissioner may request a background check regarding such
31 employee from any state or federal agency.

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

