

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Universities and Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1284

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES EACH
3 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO THE BOARD OF
4 TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ON A PERMANENT
5 BASIS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIRED METHOD AND TERMS OF
6 APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND
7 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, Delta State University, Jackson State University,
22 Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women,
23 Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi and
24 University of Southern Mississippi by making an appointment of an
25 alumni representative from each aforementioned university. On the
26 expiration of any of said terms of office the Governor shall
27 appoint successors, by and with the advice and consent of the
28 Senate, for terms of * * * nine (9) years in each case.

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

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



45 one-third (1/3) of such trustees' terms shall expire each * * *
46 three (3) years.

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

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

