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To: Accountability,  
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SENATE BILL NO. 2320

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-9-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO MEMBERS FROM THE  
3 CITY OF JACKSON TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PEARL  
4 RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 51-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 51-9-107. All powers of the district shall be exercised by a  
9 board of directors, to be composed of the following:

10 (a) Each member of the Pearl River Industrial  
11 Commission whose county becomes a part of the Pearl River Valley  
12 Water Supply District shall be a member of the Board of Directors  
13 of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Such directors  
14 shall serve on this board during their term of office on the Pearl  
15 River Industrial Commission. In addition, the board of  
16 supervisors of each county that becomes a part of the district  
17 shall appoint one (1) additional member, who shall serve for a  
18 term concurrent with the terms of the members of the board of  
19 supervisors. The members shall be appointed at the first meeting



20 of the board of supervisors in January after the supervisors take  
21 office. The members appointed from Madison County and Rankin  
22 County shall be persons who reside on and are holders of  
23 residential leases from the Pearl River Valley Water Supply  
24 District that are located in Madison County and Rankin County,  
25 respectively, or who reside in established subdivisions in Madison  
26 County and Rankin County, respectively, in which some of the  
27 residential property of the subdivision is leased from the Pearl  
28 River Valley Water Supply District.

29 The members appointed from Madison County and Rankin County  
30 who are serving on July 1, 2012, shall continue to serve until  
31 January 1, 2013, after which date the Board of Supervisors of  
32 Madison County and the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County each  
33 shall appoint one (1) member who meets the residency requirements  
34 of this section. The persons appointed under the provisions of  
35 this paragraph shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired  
36 term.

37 (b) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members from the  
38 City of Jackson from a list of six (6) names submitted by the  
39 governing authority of the City of Jackson.

40 ( \* \* \*c) The Mississippi Commission on Environmental  
41 Quality, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and  
42 Parks, Forestry Commission and the State Board of Health of the  
43 State of Mississippi shall each appoint one (1) director from that  
44 department to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pearl River



45 Valley Water Supply District to serve at the pleasure of the  
46 respective board appointing him. From and after January 1, 2013,  
47 each of the members appointed under this paragraph ( \* \* \*c) shall  
48 be a person who resides on and is a holder of a residential lease  
49 from the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

50 ( \* \* \*d) Each director shall take and subscribe to the  
51 oath of office required by Section 268 of the Constitution of the  
52 State of Mississippi before a chancery clerk, that he will  
53 faithfully discharge the duties of the office, which oath shall be  
54 filed with the clerk and by him preserved.

55 ( \* \* \*e) Each director shall receive per diem  
56 compensation in the amount as provided in Section 25-3-69 for  
57 attending each meeting of the board and for each day spent in  
58 attending to the necessary business of the district and shall be  
59 reimbursed for actual expenses thus incurred upon express  
60 authorization of the board, including travel expenses, as provided  
61 in Section 25-3-41.

62 ( \* \* \*f) The board of directors shall annually elect  
63 from its number a president and a vice president of the district,  
64 and such other officers as in the judgment of the board are  
65 necessary. The president shall be the chief executive officer of  
66 the district and the presiding officer of the board, and shall  
67 have the same right to vote as any other director. The vice  
68 president shall perform all duties and exercise all powers  
69 conferred by this article upon the president when the president is



70 absent or fails or declines to act, except the president's right  
71 to vote. The board shall also appoint a secretary and a treasurer  
72 who may or may not be members of the board, and it may combine  
73 those offices. The treasurer shall give bond in the sum of not  
74 less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as set by the board  
75 of directors and each director shall give bond in the sum of not  
76 less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and the premiums on  
77 those bonds shall be an expense of the district. The condition of  
78 each such bond shall be that the treasurer or director will  
79 faithfully perform all duties of office and account for all money  
80 which shall come into his custody as treasurer or director of the  
81 district.

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

