

By: Senator(s) Watson

To: Energy; Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2114

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-17-733, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO RECONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY  
3 UTILITY AUTHORITY; TO REDUCE LENGTH OF THE APPOINTED TERM FROM SIX  
4 YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ELECTED  
5 OFFICIALS SERVING ON THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR A QUORUM OF THE  
6 BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-17-733, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 49-17-733. (1) Upon creation of the Jackson County Utility  
11 Authority, all powers of the Jackson County Utility Authority  
12 shall be exercised by the Board of Directors of the Mississippi  
13 Gulf Coast Regional Wastewater Authority.

14 (2) Upon consolidation of the Jackson County Utility  
15 Authority and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Wastewater Authority, the  
16 county authority shall be governed by a board consisting of seven  
17 (7) directors. The directors serving on the board on the  
18 effective date of this act shall continue to serve until July 1,  
19 2019. From and after July 1, 2019, the board shall be  
20 reconstituted to be composed of the following seven (7) directors:



21 (a) \* \* \* The City of Pascagoula shall appoint one (1)  
22 director who resides within the City of Pascagoula for an initial  
23 term of two (2) years.

24 (b) The City of Moss Point shall appoint one (1)  
25 director who resides within the City of Moss Point for an initial  
26 term of two (2) years.

27 (c) The City of Ocean Springs shall appoint one (1)  
28 director who resides within the City of Ocean Springs for an  
29 initial term of three (3) years.

30 ( \* \* \* d) The City of Gautier shall appoint one (1)  
31 director who resides within the City of Gautier for an initial  
32 term of three (3) years.

33 ( \* \* \* e) The Board of Supervisors of Jackson County  
34 shall appoint \* \* \* three (3) directors for an initial term of two  
35 (2), three (3) and four (4) years, respectively, who reside within  
36 the unincorporated area of Jackson County.

37 (3) \* \* \* After expiration of the initial terms, all  
38 appointed directors shall serve a term of \* \* \* four (4) years;  
39 however, any director may be removed at the will and pleasure of  
40 the appointing authority.

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42 (4) A quorum for any meeting of the board of directors shall  
43 be the majority of the seven-member board and four (4) affirmative  
44 votes of the majority of the board shall be required to pass any  
45 initiatives, other than bond issues, capital improvements or rate



46 increases, which shall require the unanimous consent of all  
47 members of the board for passage.

48 ( \* \* \*5) In addition to any other powers and rights  
49 conferred upon such board of directors, the board is granted and  
50 may exercise all powers and rights granted pursuant to Sections  
51 49-17-739 through 49-17-773 to promote the health, welfare and  
52 prosperity of the general public.

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

