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To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2428

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND
2 ANY OTHER APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL GIVE DUE REGARD TO RACE AND
3 GENDER IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO STATE AGENCY BOARDS AND
4 COMMISSIONS, AND SHALL GIVE DUE REGARD TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL
5 DISTRIBUTION OF APPOINTMENTS ACROSS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND
6 THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
7 BEING REDUCED FROM FOUR TO THREE; TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF STATE
8 AGENCY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SHALL GIVE DUE REGARD TO RACE AND
9 GENDER IN SENDING DESIGNEES TO MEETINGS; TO SPECIFY THE STATE
10 AGENCY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO WHICH THIS ACT APPLIES; AND FOR
11 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) Effective with any appointment to a state
14 agency board, commission or council made after January 1, 2019,
15 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or any other appointing
16 authority shall (a) give due regard to race and gender in making
17 the appointment in order to meet the goal of twenty-five percent
18 (25%) minority and female membership on the board, commission or
19 council; and (b) give due regard to the geographical distribution
20 of appointments across the State of Mississippi and the real
21 possibility of Mississippi's Congressional Districts being reduced
22 from four (4) to three (3).



23 (2) Any member of a state agency board, commission or
24 council who is authorized to send a designee to a meeting of the
25 board, commission or council shall give due regard to race and
26 gender in making the designation in order to meet the goal of
27 twenty-five percent (25%) minority and female designees attending
28 such meetings, and shall give due regard to the geographical
29 distribution of appointments across the State of Mississippi and
30 the real possibility of Mississippi's Congressional Districts
31 being reduced from four (4) to three (3).

32 (3) State boards, commissions and councils subject to the
33 provisions of this act are as follows: State Board of
34 Accountancy; Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging; Air
35 Ambulance Service Board; State Board of Animal Health; State Board
36 of Architecture; Department of Archives and History; Mississippi
37 Commission on Arts; Athletic Commission; Mississippi Auctioneer
38 Commission; Department of Banking and Consumer Finance; State
39 Board of Banking Review; Board of Bar Admissions; State Board of
40 Barber Examiners; The Jefferson Davis Shrine, Board Beauvoir;
41 Mississippi Bicentennial Celebration Commission; Mississippi
42 Industries for the Blind; Mississippi Blues Commission; Boiler and
43 Pressure Vessel Safety Board; State Bond Commission; Mississippi
44 Building Codes Council; Mississippi Business Finance Corporation;
45 Capital Defense Counsel; Capitol City Convention Center
46 Commission; Central Market Board; Chickasawhay Natural Gas
47 District Board; Board of Chiropractic Examiners; Civil Rights



48 Education Commission; Civil War Battlefield Commission; Claiborne
49 County Port Commission; Mississippi Coast Coliseum Commission;
50 Commission on College Accreditation; College Savings Plan of
51 Mississippi; Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board; State Board of
52 Contractors; Mississippi Corn Promotion Board; Department of
53 Corrections; State Board of Cosmetology; Board of Examiners for
54 Licensed Counselors; Crime Stoppers Advisory Council; Board of
55 Dental Examiners; Mississippi Executive Director Development
56 Authority; Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities;
57 Division of Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board; Early Learning
58 Collaboration Grant Program; EdNet Institute; Council for
59 Education Technology; Department of Education; Educational
60 Television Authority; Egg Marketing Board; State Board of Election
61 Commissioners; Electronic Protection Licensing Advisory Board;
62 Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); Board of Emergency
63 Telecommunications Standards and Training; Department of
64 Employment Security Executive Director; Mississippi Board of
65 Licensure for Engineers and Land Surveyors; Environmental Quality
66 Permit Board; Department of Environmental Quality, Commissioners;
67 Ethics Commission; Mississippi Fair Commission; Department of
68 Finance and Administration; Mississippi Institute for Forest
69 Inventory; Board of Registration for Foresters; Mississippi
70 Forestry Commission; State Board of Funeral Service; Mississippi
71 Gaming Commission; Registered Professional Geologists Board; Grand
72 Gulf Military Monument Commission; Greenville Port Commission;



73 Mississippi Guaranty Pool Board; Gulf States Marine Fisheries
74 Commission; Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission;
75 Hattiesburg-Laurel Airport Authority; Board of Directors Health
76 Care Trust Fund and Health Care Expendable Funds; State and Public
77 School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; State
78 Department of Health; Mississippi Historical Preservation
79 Professional Review Board; Mississippi Commission on Holocaust;
80 Mississippi Home Corporation; Home Inspector Regulatory Board;
81 Hospital Equipment and Facilities Authority; Department of Human
82 Services; Mississippi Humanities Council; Statewide Independent
83 Living Council; Mississippi Department of Information Technology
84 Services; Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
85 Learning; Department of Insurance; Jackson County Port Authority;
86 Board on Jail Officer Standards and Training; Mississippi Judicial
87 Advisory Study Committee; Commission on Judicial Performance;
88 Land, Water and Timber Resources Board; Landscape Architecture
89 Advisory Committee; Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
90 Training; Joint Legislative Budget Committee; Mississippi Levee
91 Board; Mississippi Library Commission; Local Government Records
92 Committee; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; State Board
93 of Massage Therapy; Division of Medicaid; Mississippi Medical Care
94 Advisory Committee; Board of Medical Licensure; Department of
95 Mental Health; Motor Vehicle Commission; Director of Narcotics
96 Bureau; Nursing Home Administrators; Mississippi Board of Nursing;
97 State Oil and Gas Board; State Board of Optometry; State Parole



98 Board; Pat Harrison Waterway District Commission; Peanut Promotion
99 Board; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District; Pearl River Basin
100 Development District; Pearl River Industrial Commission; Joint
101 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER);
102 State Personnel Board; Division of Medicaid's Pharmacy and
103 Therapeutics Committee; State Board of Pharmacy; Governor's
104 Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports; State Board of Physical
105 Therapy; Bureau of Plant Industry; Polygraph Examiners Board;
106 Prison Industry Corporation Board; State Board of Psychology;
107 Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board; Public Employees'
108 Retirement System; Department of Public Safety; Mississippi Public
109 Service Commission; Mississippi Radiation Advisory Council;
110 Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control Board; Real
111 Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; Real Estate
112 Commission; State Rehabilitation Council; State Department of
113 Rehabilitation Services; Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing
114 and Geographic Information Systems; Rice Promotion Board;
115 Mississippi River Parkway Commission; Road Protection Commission;
116 State Seed Board; Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel; Board
117 of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family
118 Therapists; Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission;
119 Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management
120 Commission; Council on Southern Community; Southern Global
121 Strategies Council; Southern Growth Policies Board; Southern Rapid
122 Rail Transit Commission; Southern Technology Council; Soybean



123 Promotion Board; State Port Authority at Gulfport; Department of
124 Revenue Board of Appeals; Tennessee-Tombigbee Water Development
125 Authority; Tobacco Control Advisory Council; Tombigbee River
126 Valley Water Management District; Tombigbee Valley Authority;
127 Mississippi Tort Claims Board; Transportation Commission Appeals
128 Board; State Transportation Department; Mississippi Trauma
129 Advisory Committee; Uniform State Law; Veterans Affairs Board;
130 Veterans Home Purchase Board; Mississippi Veterans Memorial
131 Stadium Commission; State Board of Veterinary Medicine;
132 Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service; War Veterans
133 Memorial Commission; Warren County Port Commission; Department of
134 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Mississippi Commission on the
135 Status of Women; Workers' Compensation Commission; State Workforce
136 Compensation Board; Yazoo County Port Commission; Yazoo
137 Mississippi Delta Joint Water Management District and Yellow Creek
138 State Inland Port Authority.

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

