

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2904

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-19-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR THE
3 FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES AND
4 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES; TO SET CERTAIN MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
5 FOR COMMISSIONS THAT CONSIST OF ONLY TWO COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-19-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 41-19-35. (1) The board of supervisors of each
11 participating county in the program, except as described in
12 subsection (2) of this section, shall appoint one (1) member to
13 represent its county on the regional commission in its respective
14 region for a term of four (4) years. Any compensation of such
15 members shall be paid by the regional commission, in its
16 discretion, from any funds available.

17 (2) For those regional commissions that consist of only two
18 (2) counties, there shall be no more than five (5) members on the
19 regional commission. Regional commissions under this subsection
20 shall consist of two (2) members from each county in the



21 commission with each of these members being appointed by the board
22 of supervisors of their county. An additional member shall be
23 appointed by the board of supervisors of the county in the
24 commission with the largest population according to the most
25 recent decennial census. Appointees to the regional commission
26 shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Any compensation of
27 such members shall be paid by the regional commission, in its
28 discretion, from any funds available.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2022.

