

By: Representative Crawford

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1092

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-3-5.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE STATE HEALTH
3 OFFICER AND SETS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE, FOR THE
4 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-3-5.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 brought forward as follows:

8 41-3-5.1. The State Department of Health shall be headed by
9 an executive officer who shall be appointed by the State Board of
10 Health. The executive officer shall be either a physician who has
11 earned a graduate degree in public health or health care
12 administration, or a physician who in the opinion of the board is
13 fitted and equipped to execute the duties incumbent upon him or
14 her by law. The executive officer shall not engage in the private
15 practice of medicine. The term of office of the executive officer
16 shall be six (6) years, and the executive officer may be removed
17 for cause by majority vote of the members of the board. The
18 executive officer shall be subject to such rules and regulations
19 as may be prescribed by the State Board of Health. The executive



20 officer shall be the State Health Officer with such authority and
21 responsibility as is prescribed by law.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2023.

