

By: Representative Zuber

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1171

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-19-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO A REGIONAL MENTAL
3 HEALTH COMMISSION BY THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
4 PARTICIPATING COUNTIES IF THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF ONLY TWO
5 COUNTIES THAT BORDER THE STATE OF ALABAMA; 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) Except as otherwise provided in subsection
11 (2), the board of supervisors of each participating county in the
12 program shall appoint one (1) member to represent its county on
13 the regional commission in its respective region for a term of
14 four (4) years. Any compensation of such members shall be paid by
15 the regional commission, in its discretion, from any funds
16 available.

17 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2023, each regional commission
18 consisting of only two (2) counties that border the State of
19 Alabama shall be comprised of five (5) members. The board of
20 supervisors of each participating county described in this



21 subsection shall appoint two (2) members to represent its
22 respective county on the commission, and an additional member
23 shall be appointed by the board of supervisors of the county
24 having the largest population according to the latest federal
25 decennial census. Appointees to the regional commission under
26 this subsection shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Any
27 compensation of such members shall be paid by the regional
28 commission, in its discretion, from any available funds.

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

