

By: Senator(s) Parks

To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2502

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 SHORTEN THE REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNTY
3 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS FROM FIVE DAYS TO 24 HOURS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-3-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-3-19. (1) The board of supervisors may, at a regular
9 meeting, by an order on its minutes, adjourn to meet at any time
10 it may determine upon.

11 (2) The president, or the vice president in the absence or
12 disability of the president, or any three (3) members of the
13 board, may call special meetings when deemed necessary. Notice
14 shall be given of all special meetings, for at least * * *
15 twenty-four (24) hours, by advertisement posted at the courthouse
16 door, * * * published in a newspaper of the county, or posted on
17 the county's internet webpage, and the notice thereof, whether
18 posted on the courthouse door or county webpage or published in a
19 newspaper, shall be entered in full on the minutes of said



20 meeting. The notice of a special meeting * * * shall specify each
21 matter of business to be transacted thereat, and at such special
22 meetings business shall not be transacted which is not specified
23 in the order or notice for such meeting.

24 (3) The president, or the vice president in the absence or
25 disability of the president, or any two (2) members of the board,
26 may by written notice, call an emergency meeting of the board of
27 supervisors in cases of an emergency arising as a result of
28 serious damage to county property, or to roads or bridges, or
29 emergencies arising as a result of epidemic conditions or weather
30 conditions. The notice shall state the time of the meeting and
31 distinctly specify the subject matters of business to be acted
32 upon and be signed before a notary by the officer or officers
33 calling the meeting. At least three (3) hours before the time
34 fixed for the meeting, notice shall be personally delivered to the
35 members of the board who have not signed it and who can be found.
36 The notice shall also be posted at the courthouse door at least
37 three (3) hours before the time fixed for the meeting. If a
38 member of the board cannot be found to complete the personal
39 delivery of the notice, the president, vice president or any one
40 of the two (2) members of the board calling an emergency meeting
41 shall make every attempt, within the applicable notice period, to
42 contact the board member that was not personally found by other
43 available means, including, but not limited to, telephone or
44 e-mail. The method of notice used to call the meeting shall be



45 entered on the minutes of the emergency meeting, and business not
46 specified in the notice shall not be transacted at the meeting.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2024.

