

By: Representative Butler-Washington

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1283

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND PRACTICES; TO PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION
3 AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi
6 Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Practices, which shall
7 consist of the following seven (7) members:

8 (a) The Attorney General, or a deputy Attorney General
9 as a designee;

10 (b) The Director of the Mississippi Highway Safety
11 Patrol, or his designee;

12 (c) The President of the Mississippi Association of
13 Chiefs of Police, or his designee;

14 (d) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of
15 Public Safety or his designee;

16 (e) The President of the Mississippi Constable
17 Association, or his designee who is a member of the association;



18 (f) The President of the Mississippi Campus Law
19 Enforcement Officers Association, or his designee who is a member
20 of the association; and

21 (g) The President of the Mississippi Sheriffs'
22 Association, or his designee who is a member of the association.

23 The Attorney General, the Director of the Mississippi Highway
24 Safety Patrol and the respective presidents of the foregoing
25 associations, or their designees, shall serve only for their
26 respective terms of office.

27 (2) In order to develop and oversee operational standards
28 for law enforcement agencies, the commission shall:

29 (a) Develop minimum operational standards;

30 (b) Provide technical and constructive support to local
31 agencies;

32 (c) Oversee and approve training programs and policy
33 implementation; and

34 (d) Conduct annual reviews and audits to ensure
35 compliance.

36 (3) Members of the commission shall serve without
37 compensation, but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for
38 any actual and reasonable expenses incurred as a necessary
39 incident to such service, including mileage, as provided in
40 Section 25-3-41.

41 (4) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the
42 board, elected by and from the membership of the board. The board



43 shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for
44 meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business, but
45 the board shall meet at least every three (3) months.

46 (5) If a person appointed to the board no longer occupies
47 the status qualifying that person's appointment, that position on
48 the board shall be immediately vacated and filled ex officio or by
49 appointment of the Governor.

50 (6) The board shall report annually to the Governor and the
51 Legislature on its activities and may make such other reports as
52 it deems desirable.

53 (7) The training officers of all police academies in the
54 state whose curricula are approved by the commission shall be
55 advisors to the commission, and they shall be entitled to all
56 privileges of the members, including travel expenses and
57 subsistence, but shall not be eligible to vote at commission
58 meetings.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 2025.

