

By: Representative Faulkner

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1339

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE HOLLY SPRINGS UTILITY DEPARTMENT BOARD;  
2 TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE  
3 THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Holly Springs Utility  
6 Department Board and such board shall consist of the following  
7 nine (9) members:

8 (a) Five (5) members appointed by the governing  
9 authority of the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi;

10 (b) Two (2) members appointed by the Marshall County  
11 Board of Supervisors; and

12 (c) Two (2) members appointed by the Benton County  
13 Board of Supervisors.

14 The term of office of the board shall be for four (4) years.  
15 When making initial appointments under this section, the  
16 appointing authorities shall stagger the terms of such appointees  
17 provided that no initial appointment is made for a period of less



18 than one (1) year nor more than four (4) years; thereafter, all  
19 appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years.

20 The board members shall have the power, authority and duty to  
21 manage and control the system or systems of the Holly Springs  
22 Utility Department and the supply of the facilities and services  
23 thereof, both within and without the limits of the municipality.  
24 Such board members shall be qualified electors of their respective  
25 appointing authorities and shall not hold any other county or  
26 municipal office for honor or profit. Such board members shall  
27 receive such compensation as may be specified and provided by  
28 their respective appointing authorities; however, the compensation  
29 for every board member shall be equal regardless of the appointing  
30 authority.

31 The appointed authorities are hereby authorized and empowered  
32 to require the board members to furnish bonds for the faithful  
33 performance of their duties, in the amount as may be deemed  
34 proper, and to pay the premiums thereon from the appointing  
35 authorities from their respective treasury or the available funds  
36 of the system or systems.

37 A board member may be removed for cause by the appointing  
38 authority with ratification by a chancery judge.

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

