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To: County Affairs

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2021

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 THREE DAYS; AND FOR
4 RELATED 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 * * * three
15 (3) days, by advertisement posted at the courthouse door, or
16 published in a newspaper of the county, and the notice thereof,
17 whether posted or published in a newspaper, shall be entered in
18 full on the minutes of said meeting. In addition, notice shall be
19 posted on the official county website and/or the county's official



20 social media webpage for the duration of at least three (3) days
21 immediately preceding the special meeting. The notice of a
22 special meeting * * * shall specify each matter of business to be
23 transacted thereat, and at such special meetings business shall
24 not be transacted which is not specified in the order or notice
25 for such meeting.

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



45 available means, including, but not limited to, telephone or
46 e-mail. The method of notice used to call the meeting shall be
47 entered on the minutes of the emergency meeting, and business not
48 specified in the notice shall not be transacted at the meeting.

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

