

By: Senator(s) Parks

To: County Affairs

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. The notice of a special
19 meeting * * * shall specify each matter of business to be



20 transacted thereat, and at such special meetings business shall
21 not be transacted which is not specified in the order or notice
22 for such meeting.

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



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

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

