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To: Municipalities;
Accountability, Efficiency,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2442

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51-9-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO MEMBERS FROM THE
3 CITY OF JACKSON TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PEARL
4 RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 51-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 51-9-107. All powers of the district shall be exercised by a
9 board of directors, to be composed of the following:

10 (a) Each member of the Pearl River Industrial
11 Commission whose county becomes a part of the Pearl River Valley
12 Water Supply District shall be a member of the Board of Directors
13 of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Such directors
14 shall serve on this board during their term of office on the Pearl
15 River Industrial Commission. In addition, the board of
16 supervisors of each county that becomes a part of the district
17 shall appoint one (1) additional member, who shall serve for a
18 term concurrent with the terms of the members of the board of
19 supervisors. The members shall be appointed at the first meeting



20 of the board of supervisors in January after the supervisors take
21 office. The members appointed from Madison County and Rankin
22 County shall be persons who reside on and are holders of
23 residential leases from the Pearl River Valley Water Supply
24 District that are located in Madison County and Rankin County,
25 respectively, or who reside in established subdivisions in Madison
26 County and Rankin County, respectively, in which some of the
27 residential property of the subdivision is leased from the Pearl
28 River Valley Water Supply District.

29 The members appointed from Madison County and Rankin County
30 who are serving on July 1, 2012, shall continue to serve until
31 January 1, 2013, after which date the Board of Supervisors of
32 Madison County and the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County each
33 shall appoint one (1) member who meets the residency requirements
34 of this section. The persons appointed under the provisions of
35 this paragraph shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired
36 term.

37 (b) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members from the
38 City of Jackson from a list of six (6) names submitted by the
39 governing authority of the City of Jackson.

40 (* * *c) The Mississippi Commission on Environmental
41 Quality, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
42 Parks, Forestry Commission and the State Board of Health of the
43 State of Mississippi shall each appoint one (1) director from that
44 department to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pearl River



Valley Water Supply District to serve at the pleasure of the
respective board appointing him. From and after January 1, 2013,
each of the members appointed under this paragraph (* * *c) shall
be a person who resides on and is a holder of a residential lease
from the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

(* * *d) Each director shall take and subscribe to the
oath of office required by Section 268 of the Constitution of the
State of Mississippi before a chancery clerk, that he will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office, which oath shall be
filed with the clerk and by him preserved.

(* * *e) Each director shall receive per diem
compensation in the amount as provided in Section 25-3-69 for
attending each meeting of the board and for each day spent in
attending to the necessary business of the district and shall be
reimbursed for actual expenses thus incurred upon express
authorization of the board, including travel expenses, as provided
in Section 25-3-41.

(* * *f) The board of directors shall annually elect
from its number a president and a vice president of the district,
and such other officers as in the judgment of the board are
necessary. The president shall be the chief executive officer of
the district and the presiding officer of the board, and shall
have the same right to vote as any other director. The vice
president shall perform all duties and exercise all powers
conferred by this article upon the president when the president is



70 absent or fails or declines to act, except the president's right
71 to vote. The board shall also appoint a secretary and a treasurer
72 who may or may not be members of the board, and it may combine
73 those offices. The treasurer shall give bond in the sum of not
74 less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as set by the board
75 of directors and each director shall give bond in the sum of not
76 less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and the premiums on
77 those bonds shall be an expense of the district. The condition of
78 each such bond shall be that the treasurer or director will
79 faithfully perform all duties of office and account for all money
80 which shall come into his custody as treasurer or director of the
81 district.

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

