By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Education; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 937

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 1 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FROM 2 3 BEING ELIGIBLE FOR STATE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT 4 BENEFITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 5 SECTION 1. Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 6 amended as follows: 7 37-6-13. Each person serving as a member of the school board 8 9 of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount of Sixty-seven Dollars (\$67.00) for no more than thirty-six (36) 10 meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year or, in 11 his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as 12 compensation for his or her services an annual salary in the 13 amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), which 14 choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or periods 15 of service of that member. * * * Each member shall be reimbursed 16 for the necessary expenses and mileage in attending meetings of 17 the school board. In addition to the foregoing, all members may 18 be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the 19 further performance of their duties, including attendance at any 20 mandatory school board training session or at regional and 21 national education meetings, when such mileage and other expenses 22 are authorized by the board prior to the date on which they occur. 23 Detailed vouchers shall be submitted for reimbursement for all 24 expenses authorized by this section. Such reimbursement shall be 25

Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by

pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school 28

in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

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- 29 district involved against the funds available for payment of the
- 30 administrative expense of said district.
- 31 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
- 32 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
- 33 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
- 34 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
- 35 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
- 36 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
- 37 extended.
- 38 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 39 and after July 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that
- 40 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
- 41 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
- 42 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after July 1, 2001,
- 43 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date
- 44 it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
- 45 1965, as amended and extended.