MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2002

By: Senator(s) Mettetal To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2374

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-19-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-19-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-19-1. The Commission on Judicial Performance shall consist of the following members:

(a) One (1) circuit court judge to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi upon the recommendation of the Governor;

(b) One (1) chancellor to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi upon the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor;

(c) One (1) county court judge to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House;

(d) One (1) justice court judge to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi;

(e) <u>One (1) municipal court judge to be appointed by the Mississippi Municipal Judges Association;</u>

<u>(f)</u> One (1) practicing attorney to be appointed by the Chief Justice upon the recommendation of the Governing Board of The Mississippi Bar; and

<u>(g)</u> Two (2) lay persons who shall not be residents of the same Supreme Court District to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi.

An alternate for each member shall be selected at the time and in the manner prescribed for initial appointments in each representative class to replace those members who might be disqualified or absent.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective upon the ratification of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 533, 2002 Regular Session, by the electorate in the election held in November 2002.