

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

## SENATE BILL NO. 2776

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE EXAMINATION QUALIFICATION FOR CONSERVATION OFFICERS; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-1-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-1-15. (1) All appointments of conservation officers  
8 shall be under rules adopted and promulgated by the commission.  
9 No person shall be appointed from and after July 1, 2001, unless  
10 he meets the following requirements:

11 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and

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13 (b) Has successfully completed sixty-four (64) semester  
14 hours at an accredited community college or university or has an  
15 associate degree from an accredited community college or has  
16 passed the Law Enforcement Academy and has at least five (5) years  
17 experience in law enforcement.

18 (2) Each applicant, prior to entering into performance of  
19 his duties, at the expense of the department, shall attend and  
20 complete an appropriate curriculum in the field of law enforcement  
21 at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy or  
22 other training academy whose curriculum complies with requirements  
23 of the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.  
24 Conservation officers shall, on a periodic basis, be required to  
25 successfully complete additional advanced courses in law  
26 enforcement in order that they will be properly improved and  
27 trained in the modern, technical advances of law enforcement.



28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after its passage.

