

By: Senator(s) Posey, Dickerson

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2855

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BEAVER CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD; TO
3 PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
4 OF SUPERVISORS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL ACTUAL
5 AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES,
6 INCLUDING MILEAGE AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-203. (1) There is hereby created the Beaver Control
11 Advisory Board which shall be composed of the administrative heads
12 of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,
13 State Forestry Commission, Department of Agriculture and Commerce,
14 Mississippi Department of Transportation and Mississippi State
15 Cooperative Extension Services, the Executive Director of the
16 Mississippi Association of Supervisors, the Executive Vice
17 President of the Delta Council and the President of the
18 Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

19 (2) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of
20 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall be the chairman of the board
21 and shall preside over meetings.

22 (3) The members of the board shall serve without
23 compensation but all members of the board * * * shall be entitled
24 to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in
25 the discharge of their duties, including mileage as authorized by
26 law.

27 (4) The board shall have the following duties and
28 responsibilities:



29 (a) To adopt rules and regulations governing times and
30 places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its
31 business;

32 (b) To develop a beaver control program to be
33 administered by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries
34 and Parks or by a federal agency pursuant to an agreement with the
35 commission for such purpose;

36 (c) To designate the areas of the state having the
37 greatest need for beaver control or eradication and establish a
38 list of priority areas on an annual basis;

39 (d) To recommend to the Mississippi Commission on
40 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks such fees as may be necessary to
41 charge participating landowners; and

42 (e) To function in an advisory capacity to the
43 Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks regarding
44 the implementation of the beaver control program.

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2003.

