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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2741

By Representative(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-13-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 9-13-121. (1) (a) * * * Any applicant granted a temporary
11 certification or permit after implementation of the true CSR
12 examination shall be allowed not less than thirty-six (36) nor
13 more than forty-eight (48) months after being granted the
14 temporary certification or permit to pass the examination.

15 (b) (i) Examinations for certification shall be given
16 not less than every six (6) months, at a time and place designated
17 by the board. Notification of such examinations shall be given
18 each applicant in writing not less than thirty (30) days before
19 each examination date. Proof of notice of an examination having
20 been sent less than thirty (30) days before an examination date
21 shall automatically extend a temporary certificate for an
22 additional six (6) months beyond what is otherwise provided in
23 this section.

24 (ii) If after eight (8) consecutive notice
25 examinations, the applicant holding the temporary certificate has
26 not qualified for certification, the applicant shall be permitted
27 a hearing before the board. If said applicant has passed at least

28 two (2) parts of the examination, the applicant will be given an
29 additional extension of not more than one (1) year.

30 (c) From and after July 1, 2005, only court reporters
31 who have successfully passed the CSR examination shall be
32 authorized to work in county, circuit and chancery courts in the
33 state. The Supreme Court, upon a showing of good cause, may allow
34 emergency exceptions to the provisions of this paragraph upon
35 petition of the judge of a county, circuit or chancery court. An
36 exception shall not be granted for more than one (1) year. If a
37 court reporter is unavailable, the use of audio or video equipment
38 shall be authorized.

39 (2) Those reporters holding temporary certificates must
40 submit their applications, together with the fee, to the board and
41 take the next scheduled examination. If after eight (8)
42 consecutive examinations the applicant holding the temporary
43 certificate has not qualified for certification, the applicant
44 shall be deemed unqualified to serve as a reporter until the
45 applicant passes the examination and receives permanent
46 certification or has been granted an extension according to
47 subsection (2).

48 (4) Photo identification may be required of any applicant
49 prior to the taking of an examination for security reasons only
50 but shall not be used for discrimination against applicants on the
51 basis of race, gender, age, creed or national origin.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PERSON MAY PRACTICE THE
3 PROFESSION OF COURT REPORTING UNDER A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE; TO
4 CLARIFY COURT REPORTER QUALIFICATIONS IN TRIAL COURTS; TO ALLOW
5 EMERGENCY EXCEPTIONS AND THE USE OF AUDIO OR VIDEO EQUIPMENT; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.