

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2393  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL  
3 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-11-251. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Fire  
9 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board. The board  
10 shall consist of eleven (11) members. The Commissioner of  
11 Insurance and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve  
12 as ex officio members. The Director of the State Fire Academy  
13 shall serve as secretary to the board.

14 (2) \* \* \* Nine (9) members of the Mississippi Fire Personnel  
15 Minimum Standards and Certification Board \* \* \* shall be selected  
16 as follows:

17 (a) Two (2) full-time paid fire fighters below the rank  
18 of chief \* \* \* selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters  
19 Association;

20 (b) One (1) full-time fire fighter below the rank of  
21 fire chief \* \* \* selected by the Professional Fire Fighters  
22 Association of Mississippi;

23 (c) Three (3) career fire chiefs \* \* \* selected by the  
24 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association \* \* \*;

25 The initial terms of members in each category selected in  
26 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall be staggered: One (1) member in  
27 each category shall serve a term of one (1) year; one (1) member  
28 in each category shall serve a term of two (2) years \* \* \*. After

29 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three (3)  
30 years.

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32 (d) One (1) full-time paid certified fire instructor  
33 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Service Instructors  
34 Association; \* \* \*

35 (e) One (1) full-time paid fire investigator from a  
36 paid department selected by the Mississippi Fire Investigators  
37 Association; and

38 (f) One (1) member of the volunteer fire service  
39 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.

40 No member selected under this subsection shall serve more  
41 than two (2) terms consecutively. Any member missing three (3)  
42 consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the  
43 board. A vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be  
44 filled by selection in the same manner and for the balance of the  
45 unexpired term.

46 (3) During his term, a member of the board shall not serve  
47 as a member of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

48 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from  
49 its membership.

50 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative  
51 support for the board.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2004.