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To: Public Utilities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1074

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF EMERGENCY
3 911 DISTRICTS THAT MAY BE APPOINTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 19-5-307. (1) When any district is created, the board of
8 supervisors of the county creating the district may appoint a
9 board of commissioners composed of at least seven (7) members to
10 govern its affairs, and shall fix the domicile of the board at any
11 point within the district. The members of the board shall be
12 qualified electors of the district, two (2) of whom shall be
13 appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) for terms of three
14 (3) years, and two (2) for terms of four (4) years, dating from
15 the date of the adoption of the ordinance creating the district.
16 Thereafter, all appointments of the members shall be for terms of
17 four (4) years. For counties that have a municipality with a
18 population of more than 125,000, that municipality shall have two
19 (2) extra appointments to the 911 Emergency Commission, and such
20 appointments shall be residents of the municipality who are
21 appointed by the mayor of that municipality.

22 (2) The board of commissioners shall have complete and sole
23 authority to appoint a chairman and any other officers it may deem
24 necessary from among the membership of the board of commissioners.

25 (3) A majority of the board of commissioners membership
26 shall constitute a quorum and all official action of the board of
27 commissioners shall require a quorum.

28 (4) The board of commissioners shall have authority to
29 employ such employees, experts and consultants as it may deem
30 necessary to assist the board of commissioners in the discharge of
31 its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

32 (5) In lieu of appointing a board of commissioners, the
33 board of supervisors of the county may serve as the board of
34 commissioners of the district, in which case it shall assume all
35 the powers and duties of the board of commissioners as provided in
36 Section 19-5-301 et seq.

37 (6) All emergency communications districts shall purchase,
38 lease or lease-purchase equipment used to comply with the FCC
39 Order, as defined in Section 19-5-333, from a products and
40 equipment list maintained by the Mississippi Department of
41 Information Technology Services; however, items not available from
42 the list, or items which may be purchased at a lower price, shall
43 be purchased in accordance with the Public Purchasing Law (Section
44 31-7-13).

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2005.