

By: Representative Reeves

To: Public Utilities

## HOUSE BILL NO. 284

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, 2006.